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From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1870.

TWEED'S resolution to rescind the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment was called up at the opening of the Senate this morning, immediately after the reading of the journal. Senator WOODIN, of Cayuga, opened the discussion in a very able legal argument on the right of the present Legislature to rescind the action of a previous Legislature on this subject. He said the question was a novel one, and although two or three States had attempted to take such action, yet there had been but little discussion of the question compared with its importance. Prominent Democratic Senators in Congress had scarcely ventured to express an opinion in favor of the right of a State to do such a thing, and he construed their silence as an admission that the right could not be maintained by argument. It seemed, however, that the majority in the present Legislature of this State was determined to exercise the right, and the minority could only enter their earnest protest against it. The power of a State to take any part whatever in amending the Constitution of the United States was only derived from Congress. A State can neither propose an amendment nor dictate its terms. Its action in the premises was not in the nature of a legislative enactment. The ratification of an amendment is not submitted to the Legislature because it is a law-making body. If its action was an enactment there might be power to rescind or abolish it, but when a State once assents to the amendment its power over the subject ceases. Suppose the amendment had been submitted to a convention instead of to the Legislature, as it might have been, could the convention, after having ratified it and adjourned *sine die*, reassemble and take reverse action on the subject? If not, then how could the Legislature do it? The Constitution of the United States gives to a State Legislature the same power over the subject as it gives to a convention, and no more. Because a Legislature may rescind adverse action on an amendment, it by no means follows that it can rescind affirmative action. Adverse action is simply a nullity; it is no action at all, and leaves the question open for future action. Again, when a State has once ratified an amendment, it is not alone interested in that action; it then becomes the common property of all the States, and cannot be recalled without their consent. No power having, therefore, been conferred upon the present Legislature to do this thing, the exercise of such a power would be no more nor less than usurpation. It was in the same spirit as the action of so large a portion of the Democratic Party when rebellion reared its head in the country, and they justified and encouraged it. He well knew that there was no power in the Republican side of the Senate to prevent the adoption of this resolution, but he desired for one to enter his protest against an act so much akin to secession.

Senator MURPHY, of Kings, repelled the insinuation that the Democratic Party of New-York had any sympathies with secession. They stood now, as ever, for the Union and the Constitution. Had the ratification of this amendment been made in a regular manner by the last Legislature, the subject might not have been brought here to-day. But it was not, in his opinion, done in conformity with the terms of the Constitution and laws. Heretofore all amendments to the Constitution of the United States had been ratified by bill. In this case it was done by resolution. Again, the resolution had never been transmitted to Congress or to the General Goverment in a regular way. At the request of an officer of the General Government a certified copy of the resolution was sent to the Secretary of State, but it has never been sent there in the regular way to show what the action of the State was. He maintained that until a majority of States had given their assent to the ratification, the question was *sub judice*, and not, as Senator WOODIN had claimed, *functus officio*. He denied that other States acquired any rights from the favorable or adverse action of one State. It was not with a desire to perpetuate the negro agitation that the Democratic Party of this State opposed the ratification of this amendment, but because of the clause in the amendment giving Congress power over suffrage in the different States. He, for one, should resist all attempts to place New-York, in the matter of suffrage, at the feet of Congress. Mr. MURPHY closed by repeating the silly apprehension, first invented by PETER B. SWEENY, that if this amendment was adopted Congress would send inspectors and canvassers of election, and perhaps a military power, into the State of New-York to control elections here in the interest of the Republican Party.

Senator PARKER, of St. Lawrence, said that he was greatly surprised that this question had been forced upon the Senate at such an early period of the session. He supposed there were other questions deemed of more importance by his Democratic friends. They had announced to their followers, with great flourish of trumpets, that they were coming to Albany to enact laws granting to the people free drinking, work days and Sundays; free voting, and all other sorts of freedom; but lo and behold! on their arrival here the first thing they do is to open their batteries, their tomahawks and their scalping knives upon the poor defenceless negro. And yet this was not so strange after all, for the Democratic Party had been built up by the exercise of power over that servile race. Mr. PARKER then exposed the ridiculous absurdity of the proposition that this subject of ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States could be kicked to and fro like a football between the Legislatures of the States and Congress—ratifying one year and rescinding the next. As to the form of the ratification, the law did not specify whether it should be done by bill or by resolution. If it was done by a bill, it should receive the signature of the Governor, but the Constitution says nothing about the Governor in connection with the ratification; he was entirely ignored on the matter, and his signature or consent was not needed and would not be proper. Neither was there anything said as to how the ratification should be communicated to Congress, or whether it should be sent there at all. The record of the action of the last Legislature on the subject exists in the office of the Secretary of State of New-York, and that is sufficient. As to the Senator's pretended fear that Congress will send inspectors of election and a Military Governor into this State to control elections, it was simply ridiculous, and needed no reply. Congress certainly had the power, and it was its duty to enforce by proper legislation any and all amendments to the Constitution, and the last clause of the amendment now under consideration was simply designed to effect that end. In conclusion, he said he had hoped that we had passed the old contest over the negro, and that the Democratic Party had got over the frenzy that had so long been accustomed to attack them whenever the name of the negro was mentioned. But it seemed not, and he could only enter his protest against a proceeding that he well knew was resolved on by those who now held the power in the Legislature.

Senator CREAMER spoke in favor of the resolution, and at the conclusion of his remarks the vote was taken, and the ratification rescinded by ayes 16, nays 13—a strict party vote. It was immediately sent down to the Assembly, when after being discussed by Messrs. HUSTED, ALVORD, WHITE, LITTLEJOHN, MADDOX and others on the Republican side, and by Messrs. MURPHY of Albany, JACOBS, PATRICK of Chemung, and other Democrats, the resolution was also carried by a party vote. Ayes 69, nays 56—Mr. PEASE, of Lewis County, alone among the Democrats voting in the negative.

Quite a number of bills were introduced in both Houses, including one for the abolition of the Police Commission of New-York, another to abolish the Excise law, two or three to abolish the Conspiracy law, &c., &c. The great feature of to-day's proceedings, however, was the rescinding of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment—the first step in the programme of the great PETER B. SWEENY, who is to guide the helm of State during the present session.

Both Houses have passed resolutions to adjourn from to-morrow till Tuesday morning next.

The Committee on revision of the rules of the Assembly reported in favor of increasing the number of members of the Standing Committees—those heretofore having seven members to be increased to nine, those having five to seven. This is done to enable the Democracy to fulfill their promises incurred in the contest for Speaker. S.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 5.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The Senate, immediately after the reading of the Journal, took up Mr. TWEED'S resolutions for the repeal of the resolution adopting the Fifteenth Amendment. Debate ensued, and the resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Blood, Creamer, Frost, Genet, Graham, Hubbard, Lord, Morgan, Murphy, C. F. Norton, M. Norton, Sanford, Tweed—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Bowen, Brand, Chapman, Elwood, Kennedy, Lewis, Minier, Parker, Scott, Thayer, Winslow, Wood, Woodin—13.

The resolutions were ordered to be transmitted to the Assembly.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. GENET—To amend the Conspiracy law; also, to amend the New-York and Long Island Bridge law.

By Mr. TWEED—In relation to land sold for non-payment of taxes.

By Mr. BLOOD—Relative to Balston Spa water debt.

On motion of Mr. GENET, the Senate agreed to adjourn to-morrow until Tuesday next. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS.

The Governor sent in the annual reports of the Metropolitan Board of Health, Metropolitan Board of Police, Adjutant-General's report, and several State Boards of Police.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE RULES.

Mr. JACOBS, from the Committee on Rules, reported a rule that all the leading Standing Committees shall consist of nine instead of seven members, and of other committees seven instead of five, and the Sub-Committee of the Whole to consist of sixteen members, two from each judicial district, and to be appointed on or before the 20th of February. The report was agreed to.

Mr. JACOBS also reported that the leading Committees may each employ one clerk only. He stated that heretofore the rule for employing one clerk had been systematically violated. This rule would reduce the number of clerks from thirty-four to twelve. Agreed to.

Mr. JACOBS also reported that only twenty pages shall be employed or allowed on the floor at any time. Agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. FREER—Relative to employes, repealing the Conspiracy law. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By Mr. PEASE—Relative to officers of joint stock companies.

By Mr. MITCHELL—Repealing the same law; also, to amend the Metropolitan Police law.

By Mr. NIXON—To regulate the use of convict labor in the State Prison.

By Mr. MURPHY—To repeal the Metropolitan Excise law.

By Mr. HENNESSY—To amend the Conspiracy law.

By Mr. WHITE—Declaring valid the appointment of HENRY SMITH, Supervisor in New-York; also, to charter the Medical University.

By Mr. LOWRY—To consolidate the Utica Welsh Societies; also, to charter the Central New-York Conference.

By Mr. FLAGG—To authorize Troy to borrow money; also, amending the charter of the Life and Trust Company.

By Mr. MOUNTJOY—To authorize a bridge over Champlain Canal in Whitehall.

By Mr. MITCHELL—To compel the gas companies to report annually to the Comptroller.

By Mr. RANSOM—To amend the charter of Alden Village Erie County.

By Mr. PEARSALL—Authorizing the Flushing and North Side Railroad to charge ten cents extra on tickets not purchased at their office.

AN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN NEW-YORK.

Mr. HUSTED introduced a bill for the incorporation of the above Company, with a capital stock of $5,000,000. The Company proposes to construct an underground or depressed railway, and an elevated railway, from some point on the northerly side of Canal-street, running northerly parallel to Greene-street, to 100 feet south of Houston, thence on a curved line to 100 feet north of Bleecker and Sullivan, thence westerly to Macdougal 100 feet northerly of northerly side of Bleecker, thence to West Washington-place, 175 feet west of Sixth-avenue, thence parallel to Thirty-seventh-street; to Seventh-avenue and Forty-second-street; by the avenue to Fifty-fifth-street; to Broadway and Fifty-eighth-street; thence under and above Broadway to sixtieth street to Sixty-third-street, at a point 325 feet westerly from west side of Ninth-avenue; thence northerly to and across Harlem River. Also same kind road commencing at Ninth-avenue, between Sixth-first and Sixty-second streets, parallel to and across Eleventh-avenue to the Hudson River Railroad. Also, for a road from Canal-street, through Laight, to St. John's Park Depot. Also, from Canal-street, between twenty-five and one hundred feet east of Church, southerly, parallel with the latter to the Battery, and thence easterly to a point near South Ferry; and when the bridge is built over East River, the Company may connect with the westerly terminus thereof. For the purpose of constructing the road the Company may take a space of twenty-five feet in width along the proposed routes. The rates of fare proposed are: For any distance under three miles six cents, every additional mile two cents. Two years are granted the Company for the completion of the road to the Hudson River Railroad.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. BAKER—Authorizing the State Engineer to make the survey for a new route for the canal in Washington County, and report the expense. Laid over.

By Mr. SWEET—That unsuccessful contestants for seats in this House pay all their own expenses. Laid over.

By Mr. BANKER—Denouncing the income tax as unconstitutional and unjust, and requesting the Representatives in Congress to vote against the reënactment of the law.

TOLLS AND DUTIES ON COAL, TEA, &C.

Mr. ALVORD introduced a motion that the Canal Board be instructed to reduce all tolls on mineral coal going West; also requesting our Representatives in Congress to vote for the repeal of all import duties on mineral coal. A motion to lay the motion on the table was lost.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN moved the appointment of a committee of five on this subject and all other subjects of a like nature, to report on the 20th inst. Agreed to. The following were appointed such committee: Littlejohn, Jacobs, Kiernan, Murphy and Alvord.

Mr. MITCHELL called up his resolution requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their earnest efforts for the repeal of all duties on tea, coffee, sugar and coal, and it was referred to the Committee already ordered.

POLITICAL EMOTION.

Mr. WHITE offered a resolution in sympathy with all people struggling for independence; condemning the action of the Government in the matter of the Spanish gunboats, and indorsing Senator CARPENTER'S resolution on the same subject. Tabled and ordered to be printed.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Governor's Message, but immediately rose and reported progress.

Recess until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The House reassembled at 2 o'clock. The concurrent resolutions of the Senate to repeal the resolution adopting the Fifteenth Amendment was received from the Senate, and the Speaker announced the question to be on concurring with the Senate.

Mr. HUSTED rose and protested against this action. He cited the United States Constitution, reading therefrom to prove that this Legislature could not take such action on this subject. The action of the last Legislature was not the passage of a law of this State subject to repeal at any time. It was the adoption of a resolution submitted to a particular Legislature by Congress, and when that Legislature discharged that duty and went out of existence, the whole matter was ended. He then referred to the moral phase of the question, and declared that the Democratic Party would gain nothing, but loose much by its action to-day.

Mr. ALVORD followed, arguing that the power to act on this matter had departed forever from this State. He also protested against the passage of the resolution. He protested against taking up the time of the House with such a fruitless and frivolous proposition, and said that if the resolutions were adopted the action will amount to nothing.

Mr. MURPHY, of Albany, contended that the action last year was incomplete, therefore further action was not only entirely proper but actually necessary.

Mr. PATRICK spoke in favor of the resolutions, when Mr. LYONS moved the previous question, which was not ordered.

Mr. ALVORD insisted that the work was complete last year. The mere failure to transmit the resolution to Washington amounted to nothing.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN insisted the action proposed here would amount to nothing. New-York has discharged her duty in this matter by her action last winter, and had nothing more to do. The Constitution of the United States provides for States ratifying amendments to it, but not for rescinding their ratifications. He then proceeded to defend the justice of the Fifteenth Amendment, and spoke at length in advocacy of it as a Democratic measure.

Mr. MURPHY, of Albany, claimed that this amendment was submitted to the people at the last election, and the result was the sending of a large majority of Democrats here to repeal the action taken by the last Legislature. He also said it was necessary to pass this resolution to-day in order to prevent certain action by Congress which was to be taken on the 15th inst., and which would render null and void any subsequent action by this Legislature.

Mr. JACOBS said he saw only a plain duty to perform here in this matter. The majority of this House was elected to revoke this ratification, and it was our duty to place on record that revocation. The people of this State expect this of us; they want Democratic records of this State and the nation their dissent from ratifying this amendment.

The hour agreed upon for discussion having passed, Mr. HUSTED moved the previous question, which was ordered, and the resolutions adopted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ainsworth, Allaben, Baldwin, Bamber, Baker, Barnes, Bogart, Bergen, Blair, J. Brown, Burns, Campbell, Carey, Cavanagh, Clark, Cook, Coon, Cullen, J. Davis, Dodge, Droll, Empie, Flagg, R. Flanagan, Flynn, Frear, Fuller, Hasbrouck, Hathaway, Hayes, Hennessy, Horton, Howe, Irving, Jacobs, Jerard, Jones, Kiernan, Krak, LaMoree, Lanahan, Lawrence, Lyon, Martine, Mitchell, Mooney, Mosely, M. C. Murphy, O. Murphy, W. R. Murphy, Nachtmann, Nelson, O'Keeffe, Patrick, Payne, Persall, Plunket, Ransom, Ronan, Shanahan, Sleight, Snow, Speaker, Steele, Sturges, Sweet, Tighe, Van Steenburgh, Young—69.

NAYS—Messrs. Alvord, Baker, Bemus, Berry, Bloomingdale, Bolt, Bradford, S. L. Brown, V. S. Brown, Butterfield, J. D. Davis, Delano, Deming, Dimick, Eaker, Ely, C. N. Flanagin, Foster, Franklin, Graham, Gleason, Green, Hall, Hewitt, Hull, Husted, Hyatt, Johnson, Kilham, Littlejohn, Lowery, Maddox, Merchant, Miner, Mulford, Northup, Ostman, Palmer, Parker, Pease, Pierce, Ray, Romer, Roberts, Sanborn, Seward, Sniper, Stephenson, Tefft, Walker, West, White, Wilson, Winan, Wood, Wright—56.

The Senate resolution to adjourn from to-morrow till Tuesday next was concurred in.

The Assembly adjourned.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

Present Phase of the Difficulty—Both Sides of the Case as Presented by the Company and by the Operators.

A special meeting of the members of the Telegraphers' Protective League, was convened at No. 270 Grand-street, yesterday evening. Mr. HUTCHINSON presided, and stated that a misapprehension seemed to exist with respect to the object of the strike. An impression prevailed that the end they aimed to obtain was an increase in their salaries, and under that misconception a good deal of unfriendliness had been evinced towards the movement by the general public. He explained that the strike originated in an attempt made by the Superintendents of the San Francisco and Sacramento branches of the Western Union Telegraph Company to reduce the salaries of their operators. The latter very properly refused to submit to the reduction, were discharged, and upon communicating the matter to the office of the League a general strike throughout all the States of the Union was the result. He had received dispatches from all the principal cities in the States informing him that nearly all of the operators left, and already 2,500 were on the strike. He mentioned that a committee waited on the Company on Tuesday and fairly represented the justice of their demand, but no concession would be made them; their overtures were contemptuously rejected, and they were summarily dismissed. The only terms they demanded were, that their brother operators in San Francisco and Sacramento should be reinstated; they wanted nothing more, and they would be satisfied with nothing less.

Telegraphic dispatches from Washington, Portland, Albany, Detroit, Chicago, Texas, &c., favoring the movement arrived during the meeting, and were read by the Chairman amidst cheers.

A delegate urged the continuance of the strike, as it would show Congress, which meets on the 10th of January, the further necessity of their interference in directing the telegraph lines. That should be their great aim, for, under Government management, their salaries would not be reduced, as now, with the ordinary fluctuations of business.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Printing Operators' Company and request their coöperation and support.

The meeting, which was numerously attended, then adjourned, each expressing confidence in the final result of the strike.

The two remaining female operators at the New-York office have struck, so that all sixteen are now out. All the principal offices from New-York to San Francisco, and from Buffalo to Texas, are now on strike. From all points men are being ordered here to fill the places of the strikers, but on refusing to do so are at once discharged. Several men on the Canada side, who refused to come over and take the places of the strikers, shared the same fate. Yesterday the news arrived that the female operators at Chicago—their chief operator at their head—struck in a body. A dispatch from Pittsburg yesterday, stated that the railroad operators were flocking in but were at once received by a "vigilance committee" of the League, sworn in and then sent home again.

The printing operators are afraid to join the strikers because they fear that, as a consequence, their system of telegraphing will be abolished.

The following communications from the Company and from the operators fully set forth both sides of the question:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1870.

To the Public:

The interruption of the business of this Company by a strike among its operators is a matter of such general interest to the people of all sections as to call for an explanation on the part of its executive officers. The first intimation of difficulty reached this office Monday morning, when persons styling themselves "A Committee of the Telegraphers' Protective League," called to complain that certain operators in San Francisco, members of their organization, had been discharged because they would not submit to a reduction of salary, and demanded that these men should be restored to their former places and pay. They were told that the Company had no knowledge of any reduction of salaries at San Francisco or elsewhere, but that inquiry into the facts would be made of the manager at San Francisco. The reply of Mr. MUMFORD to this inquiry stated that he had discharged two men at San Francisco for trying to create dissatisfaction in the office, and because the operating force at that point was larger than was needed, but that no reduction of salaries had been made or contemplated, the only changes having been a transfer of the force. This reply was communicated to the operators' Committee, who had meantime presented to the officers of the Company a copy of resolutions purporting to have been adopted by the so-called League, demanding the restoration of the men in question, and threatening a suspension of work on the part of its members if this demand was not complied with. Not satisfied with the explicit denial by the Company of the facts upon which their action had been based, the operators in a second letter demanded of the Company a pledge to restore such operators at San Francisco, if any, as had been dismissed for resisting a reduction of salary, and also to reinstate in their former places and pay the operators who had left the Company's service in several of the Western cities at the call of their disaffected friends in California. With neither of these demands could the Company comply. It would have been a gratuitous insult to a faithful officer to send him instructions based upon a state of facts of which we had denied the existence, while, on the other hand, the executive officers could not stipulate in advance to restore to their places and pay persons who had left their employ without a shadow of reason, and in a manner and for the purpose of embarrassing the Company's business, (as was avowed in the resolution adopted at the operators' meeting,) and whose places had perhaps been supplied by new engagements. Such a pledge would have interfered unjustifiably with the functions of Division and District Superintendents, and would have involved the violation of our contracts with innocent parties.

With this the correspondence ended, and the strike followed, both in this and in other principal cities. The officers of the Company deeply regret the inconvenience which this movement will occasion to its customers, not to speak of the injury which it will cause to all parties and interests affected by it. The action of the operators has been caused upon a mistake, and they have permitted themselves to be imposed upon by undeserving men who had no real grievance to complain of. In spite of the very large reduction in tolls which have been made by the Western Union Company within the last three months, no reduction in the pay of its employees has been made or contemplated. The course pursued by the operators is, therefore, ungenerous as it is unjust. The Company can only account for such actions on the part of an intelligent body of men, and many of whom have been for years in its service under the most cordial relations, by the fact that they seem to have surrendered their individual liberty and the right of private judgment, which most Americans value so highly, to become the fractional instruments of an irresponsible body. Of the existence and purposes of the Telegrapher's Protective League, the officers of this Company had no knowledge previous to the present disturbance. They are now informed that its members bind themselves by secret oath to obey the orders of its officers. Such an order appears in the journals of this morning over the signatures of three persons, the chief of whom is the City manager of another Telegraph Company. Thus it appears that the employes of the Western Union Company, joining an organization thus officered, have put themselves in the situation of an army which by solemn and secret conspiracy should bind itself to lay down its arms and surrender its cause at the bidding of and upon the signal of the commander of the enemy's forces.

But the cause cannot be thus surrendered. Fortunately for all concerned, enough loyal men remain to command the situation and to serve as a nucleus for new recruits. Such is the present situation of this Company. It has force enough at this and all other important points to do the business which shall be brought to it, and the numbers are increasing as rapidly as they can be put to work. With forbearance and coöperation on the part of those whose interests it seeks to subserve, things will speedily right themselves, and the justice of the Company's position will be vindicated.

O. H. PALMER, Treasurer.
ALONZO B. CORNELL, } Vice-Presidents.
GEORGE WALKER, }

NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1870.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The difficulty now existing between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the members of the Telegraphers' Protective League, has become a subject of public interest, and it is this fact that prompts us to fairly state our position in the matter. Erroneous impressions have been conveyed by the publication of reports in the newspapers ostensibly with a view to general information, but really in the interest of our late employers. These impressions it is our duty to counteract. On doing so, however, we desire it to be distinctly understood that our only motive is to correctly inform the public, and not create false sentiment by an *ex parte* statement in relation to the affair. Our organization is composed of independent divisions known as Circuits. One of these is designated as the Grand Circuit, and is intrusted with the performance of duties incumbent on that position. The preamble of our Constitution sets forth that "the nature of our business is such that a vast combination of capital must necessarily intervene between our most intelligent efforts and a commensurate reward of an appreciative public, and that we seek not only to protect our own rights, but those of the public, by retaining in our ranks the most worthy and skillful operators in the country, instead of allowing them to be driven from the profession through the unjust exercise of superior power wielded by the willing agents of our employers, who are ever seeking official commendation by the exhibition of parsimonious economy. Our organization extends to and includes members at San Francisco, Cal. On Friday, Dec. 31, 1869, our grand chief operator received a message in cipher, informing him that on Monday, Jan. 3, the members at San Francisco would decline to submit to a reduction which the Company propose to make in their salaries. The next day, Saturday, Jan. 1, we received another dispatch from them informing us that two members had been discharged for refusing to submit to the reduction; that they should resist it by stopping work, and calling upon other Circuits to aid them. Accordingly on Jan. 3, they Suspended work. This Committee was appointed at a meeting of the New-York Circuit, and instructed to negotiate for an amicable settlement by requesting that the salaries of the members at San Francisco be not reduced, and that those who were discharged for refusing to accord to the proposed reduction be reinstated. In reply, Western Union officials stated, on the authority of Mr. MUMFORD, their agent at San Francisco, that no salaries had been reduced.

In a second communication we endeavored to effect an honorable, peaceable settlement, insisting upon the reinstatement of members whose salaries had been reduced, and assuring the Western Union Executive that members at other points who had also suspended work would resume their duties. This proposition was rejected, and the case at present stands thus: The Western Union officials rely implicitly upon Mr. MUMFORD'S statements; the members of the League believe that the statements of our circuit officer in San Francisco are strictly true, and shall continue to believe them until proved untrue. In the latter event we will return to duties at former salaries, guaranteeing to members and non-members who have aided us in this difficulty, the benefits and protection of our League in the future. In the meantime, this Committee await the action of the Western Union Telegraph Executive, looking to a peaceable settlement of this difficulty.

W. W. BURHANS, Chairman.
C. J. RYAN, } Committee.
J. M. PETERS, }

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The telegraphers' strike continues, but there is nothing new about it. The Western Union office is working with a very limited force, but promises improvement in a day or two. The affair is not without its humorous effects through the imperfections of the substitutes brought in the place of the regular operators. Last night your correspondent wrote that in consequence of the strike correspondents sat with idle pens. The telegraph rendered it, "correspondents sit in the idle pews."

Reception of the Remains of Mr. Peabody.

From the Boston Post, Jan. 5.

The funeral train that is to convey the remains of the late GEORGE PEABODY from Portland to Peabody is now being prepared at the car shop of the Eastern Railroad, in Salem. It will consist of three of the finest cars of the road and a baggage car. The cars Nos. 74, 75 and 77 have been selected. In No. 77 the seats have been removed, and a raised dais, ten feet in length and two feet square, erected in the centre, covered with black velvet, bordered with silver braid, and festooned with massive silver fringe, studded with silver rosettes and tassels. On this the casket is to rest, securely fastened. The car is lined with alternate stripes of black and white alpaca pendent from the centre of the monitor roof and looped back to the sides above the windows. At each end the "Cross of St. George" and the "Star Spangled Banner" are hung and looped back in the same manner, covered with black crape so that the colors are dimly seen through it, while the air will be redolent with the perfume of choice flowers. A handsome carpet, in which black and green are appropriately blended, covers the floor. The splendid locomotive that bears the name of the honored dead will be used to convey the train to and from Portsmouth, N. H., the junction of the Eastern and Portsmouth, Saco and Portland Railroad. From Portsmouth one of the engines of that road will be used, appropriately trimmed. The train will be met at the depot by the Committee of the Salem City Government and escorted through the city limits to Peabody. The bells of the city are to be tolled from the time the train leaves Beverly until it arrives in Peabody. The monitor *Terror* having received her powder on board proceeded to the anchorage ground in "President Roads" yesterday afternoon, where the screw steamer *Alaska* is now at anchor. Both vessels will sail for Portland to-day. The *Monarch*, the vessel that is bringing Mr. PEABODY'S remains, is expected daily. She will stop only a day or two in Portland, and will return at once under sail alone. She carries a crew of 500 men. What the definite arrangements will be in Portland cannot be ascertained until the arrival of GEORGE PEABODY RUSSELL, Esq., the nephew of the deceased, who has charge of the remains, and who is on board of the *Monarch*.

TELEGRAMS.

A New Candidate for the Sovereignty of Spain.

Salnave and His Sons Reported Blown Up in a Magazine.

Bitter Feeling Against the Sale of Samana.

The Intended Raid on Pembina from Canada.

Mysterious Fate of Four Red River Prisoners.

EUROPE.

Serrano and Supreme Power in Spain—Meeting of the Portuguese Cortes—A Gold Hunting Expedition.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—It is rumored that Regent SERRANO will be invested with the sovereign power, but the Constitutient Cortes hesitate to take so extreme a measure.

The partisans of the Duke of MONTPENSIER are very active.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The *Times* to-day has an article on the crisis in Spain. The writer deplores the downfall of General PRIM, and attributes it to the unreasonable prolongation of the provisional *régime*.

LISBON, Jan. 5.—The General Cortes assembled to-day, and the session was opened by King LOUIS in his speech from the throne. His Majesty refers with gratification to the state of tranquility which now exists at home and abroad. He promises that the Government will introduce important measures of reform and economy.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—An expedition is preparing to sail from France to recover 500,000,000 francs in treasure which was lost some years ago in Spanish vessels on the coast of Spain....The Emperor was very desirous of retaining Baron HAUSSMANN in the position of Prefect of the Seine, but the council of Ministers decided on his removal.

CANADA.

The Caldwell Extradition Case—The Argument Before the Superior Court Judges Closed.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The arguments in the Caldwell case, before Judges BADGLEY and MONCK, of the Superior Court, were concluded to-day. The points raised on the part of CALDWELL are: That under Judge COURSOL'S warrant the prisoner could not be arrested in Ontario; that a Magistrate has no power to put in a new commitment; technical objections to form of the warrant; that the evidence does not establish forgery; that at most the pretended offence was only a misdemeanor, and extradition could only take place for forgery. Judgment will be given on Friday next. CALDWELL has comfortable rooms in jail at his own expense.

THE RED RIVER.

The Reported Sioux Raid—Conflicting Testimony Regarding Its Author—Prisoners Banished—The Fate of Four a Mystery—Object of the Revolt.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The *Tribune* has the following special from St. Paul of this date:

Governor MCDOUGALL left to-day for Canada, leaving Messrs. HINCHMAN and DENNIS behind. Mr. DENNIS called this forenoon on General HANCOCK, commanding that Department, and denounced the reports published this morning regarding the movements of the Sioux Indians upon the American settlements in the Spring, and protesting against military action being taken thereon. Two gentlemen from Pembina also called upon General HANCOCK, and placed in his hands documents supporting the assertions of the threatened Sioux raid, and asking for military protection. General HANCOCK asked for copies of the documents to be forwarded to the War Department; and said he should wait instructions, though he did not think any movement of troops this Winter would be necessary."

Mr. LAUNA, editor of the Windsor, Canada, *Record*, arrived at St. Paul last night from Fort Garry. He says the prisoners captured by the insurgents were all sentenced to banishment, except SCHULTZ, MOIR, SNOW and HALLETT. Their fate is not known. All the banished prisoners went to Pembina on the 25th ult. Governor MCDOUGALL, in anticipation of this, provided for their conveyance to St. Paul before he left. Mr. LAUNA denies the Shultz gunpowder plot.

Governor MCDOUGALL, his daughter and three sons, arrived here this morning from St. Paul, and left this afternoon at 5 o'clock *via* the Michigan Central Railroad. He asserted, in an interview to-day, that the Red River war was an insignificant affair, so far as numbers and influence of the insurgents is concerned. Most of the insurgents, he said, are controlled by the Postmaster at Fort Garry, who caused the seizure of Governor MCDOUGALL'S correspondence, and put him to other trouble. He says he did not wish to precipitate civil war, and ordered his adherents to quietly pursue their avocations until some steps are taken by the Canadian Government. It takes eight days to come from Pembina to the nearest railroad station in Minnesota. During the trip of the party down the thermometer stood at 20° below zero. Governor MCDOUGALL says the movement of the rebellion is in the interest of annexation to the United States, but he thinks the people will not sustain it.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Organization of Both Branches in Maine—The Massachusetts General Court—Governor Geary's Message to the Pennsylvania Legislature—Maryland—Colorado Territory.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 5.—Both branches of the Legislature were organized to-day. Hon. WM. W. BOLSTER (Republican) was elected President of the Senate, receiving 23 votes to 2 for P. J. CARLETON, (Democrat.) Hon. REUBEN FOSTER (Republican) was elected Speaker of the House, receiving 113 votes to 27 for Hon. WM. DICKEY, (Democrat.)

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—The Massachusetts Legislature convened to-day. HORACE H. COOLIDGE, of Suffolk, was elected President of the Senate by a unanimous vote. HARVEY JEWELL was re-elected Speaker of the House. Wm. S. ROBINSON was reelected Clerk, and JOHN MORRISSEY Sergeant-at-Arms. After the organization, both branches were escorted to the Dutch Church, where the annual sermon was preached by Professor SEELEY, of Amherst College.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Jan. 5.—The Senate organized yesterday afternoon by the election of CHARLES H. STINSON, Speaker, and GEORGE HAMMERSLEY, Chief Clerk. The Governor's Message was sent in at noon to-day.

He congratulates the Legislature on the prosperity of the State. The receipts of the State Treasury during the year were $5,340,000, and expenditure $4,850,000, including $472,000 expended towards the reduction of the public debt, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $1,460,000. The total amount of the State debt is $32,814,000. The total reduction of the debt since January, 1867, has been $4,389,000. He recommends the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers as a refuge for those now compelled to beg for a livelihood in the streets of the cities. The Avondale disaster is referred to and a law recommended requiring stringent regulations to prevent a recurrence of such calamities. He recommends an additional Judge of the Supreme Court as a public necessity. He deprecates the movement made by the free traders to obtain the introduction of steel and iron free of duty. He favors the recognition of Cuba and says it geographically belongs to the United States. He advocates the policy of an expansion of the currency by the new national banks to be established where none now exist.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—The Legislature met this morning. F. C. LATROBE, of Baltimore, was elected Speaker of the House. The Senate adjourned without organizing.

DENVER CITY, Col., Jan. 4.—The Colorado Legislature was organized yesterday. GEORGE A. HILLSDALE was elected President of the Senate, and GEORGE W. MILLER Speaker of the House. Governor MCCOOK'S Message was delivered this afternoon. It recommends female suffrage; the dismemberment of the Indian treaty relations; the election of Governor and other Territorial officers by a vote of the people of the Territory, and a thorough immigration system.

HAYTI.

Reported Self-Immolation of Salnave and His Fourteen Sons—Opposition to the Sale of the Bay of Samana.

ST. THOMAS, *via* HAVANA, Jan. 5.—It is reported that the Cacos are besieging Port-au-Prince, and that they have made a breach in SALNAVE'S lines. On the 22d of December SALNAVE retreated to Fort Petion, where he fired the magazine, and, with his fourteen sons, perished. Another report in circulation is that SALNAVE has fled to San Domingo and claimed the protection of President BAEZ. Generals LUPERON and CABRAL have published a protest against the sale of the Bay of Samana to the United States. They are bitter against BAEZ.

POLITICAL.

The Democratic State Convention of New-Hampshire—The Nomination for Governor—A Eulogist of the Late Franklin Pierce Silenced.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 5.—The Democratic State Convention met here to-day. There was a full attendance. Hon. HENRY BINGHAM, of Littleton, was chosen permanent President, and one Vice-President was chosen from each county. Mr. BINGHAM'S address was cut short for want of time to finish it in. General JOHN BEDEL, of Bath, was nominated for Governor, and General M. T. DONAHOE for Railroad Commissioner—both by acclamation. The report on resolutions was read:

The first expresses abiding faith in the principle of the party and opposition to centralization, and denounces the action of Congress in relation to Georgia. The second is on the subject of taxation, and internal revenue and the tariff. The third exacts honesty and fidelity in Government officials. The fourth denounces monopolies as unjust and prejudicial to trade. The fifth declares centralization and monopoly twin instruments of evil. The sixth declares that all contracts, bonds and securities should be taxed. The seventh declares that the debts, not otherwise specified, should be paid in currency. The eighth offers a tribute to the memory of the late President PIERCE. The ninth pledges the exertions of the members to elect the nominees of the Convention.

Hon. ISAAC ADAMS, of Sandwich, entered his protest against the sixth and seventh resolutions. Mr. PERRY, of Keene, undertook to pass a eulogy on the late President PIERCE, but made but little progress amid the stamping and other efforts to put him down. A committee of three was appointed to notify the candidates of their nominations. The Convention then adjourned.

The Maine Republicans—Caucus of the Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 5.—At a joint caucus of the Republican members of the Senate, held at the Capitol this evening, Colonel F. M. Drew, of Brunswick, was renominated as Secretary of State; B. B. Murray, Jr., was renominated as Adjutant-General; Parker P. Burleigh, as Land Agent; William Caldwell, as State Treasurer; Thomas B. Reed, as Attorney-General. Hon. Lot M. Morrill was nominated by acclamation as United States Senator to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Fessenden. Uranus O. Brackett, William Deering, William Rogers, A. H. Abbott, E. R. Spear, J. W. Paten and D. Hobart were nominated by the Republicans this evening as the Executive Council for the present year.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 5.—At a caucus of the Democratic members of the Legislature, this evening, Hon. ISAAC REED, of Waldoboro, was nominated as

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CURRENT NOTES.

California has 800,000 peach trees—five to every voter.

A shoe manufacturer in Lynn, Mass., has given $10,000 to the Boston Theological Library.

The photograph of J. WILKES BOOTH has been stolen from Philadelphia's Rogues' Gallery.

School teachers in Arkansas complain bitterly that they are compelled to learn to labor and to wait for their pay.

Washington has two GRANTS whose names frequently get into the newspapers. One is A. GRANT and the other is the GRANT.

Californians are talking of running General JOHN F. MILLER, of San Francisco, for Governor at the next election.

Hon. B. B. STRONG, the new Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, is a native of this State, and 41 years old.

Right Rev. CARLETON CHASE, D.D., the Episcopal Bishop of New-Hampshire, is rapidly failing, and it is feared he will never be able to leave his house again.

A Kansas County Treasurer recently made a tour of his county to collect the taxes, and succeeded in raising $3 60. He will send out his deputy next time.

The Zanesville (Ohio) *Signal* is dead, and now Ohio has but three daily Democratic papers—the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* and the Columbus *Statesman*.

FRANCIS ROBINSON, of Blackinton, Conn., was bitten by a mad dog thirty years ago, and about once a month ever since has had fits, during which he barks like a dog and froths at the mouth.

The New-York State Temperance Society will hold its annual meeting in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, on the 12th and 13th inst. Each church and temperance society is invited to send two delegates.

The new Trimble Opera House, in Albany, was opened on Monday evening. During the performance C. L. UNDERNER, the leader of the orchestra, suddenly dropped from his seat and fell dead upon the floor.

Mayor JONES, of Portsmouth, N. H., has given his salary, $500, for the foundation of a public library, and says if the citizens will increase the amount to $5,000 in five years, he will give $500 more.

Lieutenant-Colonel WILLIAMS, U. S. A., whose death at Little Rock, Ark., was announced yesterday, was on duty on Christmas, apparently in perfect health. He was taken sick with congestion of the brain on the next day, and died on Monday, 27th ult.

The editor of what is now the first paper in Oregon, who was the first graduate of the Oregon University, is making his first visit east of the Mississippi. He is now in Springfield, Mass., and can't help wondering that "everything is so old around there."

And yet again the Charleston *News* appeals to the planters of the South to diversify their crops. Plant corn! corn! corn! it cries; "the cotton which bleaches the fields may crown our hard endeavor, but what we lean on most is—bread, the staff of life."

The San Francisco *Alta* says that if there is a conflict between the shipbuilders on one side, and merchants generally on the other, the latter will have the public opinion of the Pacific coast on their side, for they are the larger and more important class everywhere, and relatively larger there than on the Atlantic coast.

Prince ARTHUR and his party were more successful in their moose hunting expedition than was first reported. They "bagged" one moose, one bear and five deer. The Prince also took part in felling a pine tree, and, as we are assured by an enthusiastic Canadian, performed the part of an axman with credit to himself and great satisfaction to all present.

Hon. MADISON NELSON, one of the Judges of the Maryland Court of Appeals, died on Saturday, aged about 70 years. The Baltimore *Sun* says he was a man of very decided talents, and had a quick, sagacious and penetrating mind, but his attainments as a lawyer were not remarkable.

Mr. WILLIAM H. RHINEHART has sent from Rome to Baltimore his model of the statue of the late Chief Justice TANEY, to be erected at Annapolis, in accordance with an act of the Maryland Legislature. The Chief Justice is represented in his judicial robes, with a scroll in his right hand. The figure is designed to be of heroic size and in a sitting posture.

One of Massachusetts' new Mayors in his inaugural address on Monday gave utterance to this sentiment: "As the eastern horizon of the present is made glorious with its beaming rays of opportunity, so may the sunset hour of the future, by the refractive influences of faithful duty, greet us with its gorgeous panoply of prismatic light."

The steamship *China*, which recently arrived at San Francisco, from China and Japan, brought 3,600 cards of silkworms' eggs, which are coming through to New-York *via* the Pacific Railroad. Their destination is Lyons, France. The French shippers are dissatisfied with their experience in shipping the eggs *via* the Isthmus of Suez, and have tried the experiment of a shipment across the American continent.

The Sherman Brigade had a reunion in Mansfield, Ohio, on Friday last. Senator SHERMAN, by whom it was organized and for whom it was named, presided, and General SHERMAN sent a letter expressing regret at his inability to be present, and saying he was glad that they proposed not to allow the memories of the war to fade into oblivion, but to cherish them and transmit them to the future.

The Government built a huge stone Custom House and Post Office, with iron doors, in Portsmouth, N. H., and then put a wooden box in a window to receive letters at night. On Sunday night some thief with a jack-knife cut out the front of the box, took all the letters and departed. The builder should have remembered that "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

The Charleston (S. C.) *News* announces the departure of the Spanish gunboats from that port on Saturday last, in company with the frigate *Pizarro*, which was in waiting outside, and says: "Two of the gunboats have not been heard from, and are supposed to have been lost on the North Carolina coast. The wind was very high on Saturday night, and the seagoing qualities of the 'mosquito fleet' were doubtless severely tested."

We have received the first number of the *Law Journal*, to be issued weekly in Albany, at $5 per year, WEED, PARSONS & CO., being the publishers, and ISAAC GRANT THOMPSON the managing editor. It is of convenient size, finely printed, and announces that it is not intended to make it a "Law Report" merely, but a medium of conveying to the profession of the country the latest intelligence of interest on all subjects pertaining to the law.

A statement just issued from General CANBY's headquarters show, that the total white vote of Virginia registered in 1867 was 122,190; the total colored vote, 107,730. In the registration of 1869, the white vote added was 40,901; the colored vote added was 24,417; the white vote deducted was 11,838; the colored vote deducted was 10,521. The white gain was 29,063; the colored gain was 13,899. The present total white vote of the State is 151,188; total colored vote is 121,626; white majority, 29,457. The total vote of the State, white and colored, is 272,809.

There was a balloon ascension at Atlanta, Ga., on New Year's Day, Dr. GILBERT HASSE going up alone, and the *Era* tells the following in relation to it: "When the balloon had reached the height of about one mile, those who were watching it were horrified to see it explode and collapse in the upper air. For about an hour the anxiety was very intense, when, to the astonishment of every one, the doctor rode in sound in body. The doctor fell about three miles out of town, and the only injury he sustained was a few scratches from some bushes in which he fell."

Personal.

Mr. Estrada, of the Spanish Legation; Judge Barto, of Trumansburg, and General Adam Badeau, are at the Albemarle Hotel. Ex-Governor R. M. Patten, of Alabama; Hon. Chester Snow, of Boston; Hon. Chas. H. Sherrill, of Washington; Hon. T. P. Blackstone, of Chicago, and General James S. Whitney, of Boston, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Hon. Reuben Fitch, of Nevada; Hon. S. H. Boyd, of Missouri; Hon. W. H. Painter, of Washington; Hon. D. K. McCarthy, of Syracuse; Hon. J. S. Carlisle, of Virginia, and J. H. Ramsey, of Albany, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Ex-Governor Whitmore, of Connecticut, is at the Coleman House.

OUR SHIPPING INTERESTS.

The Appointment of Shipping Commissioners—Messrs. H. Grinnell Submits the Draft of the Proposed Act of the Shipowners' Association of New-York—Its Action Unfavorable.

A special meeting of the Shipowners' Association of New-York was held yesterday afternoon at No. 82 Pine-street, which was called to order by Ed. HINCKEL, Esq. The Chairman produced the draft of an act to be presented to Congress this session, which had been sent him by Moses H. GRINNELL, with the request that he would submit it to the Association and get its opinion on it at the shortest notice. The act, covering twenty-eight closely-printed quarto pages, was then read, and is headed as follows:

"An act to authorize the appointment of Shipping Commissioners by the Judges of the several District Courts of the United States of America, to superintend the shipping and discharge of seamen engaged in merchants' ships belonging to the United States, and for the further protection of seamen." Its main features relate to the following subjects:

The appointment of Commissioners by District Judges; the nature of the bond and oath of Commissioners; facilities extended to them to employ deputies; their duties; fees; the payment of same by master or owner; penalties for taking other remuneration; permission for Commissioners to transact business at the Custom House; apprenticeships; the same to be brought before a Commissioner; penalties for receiving remuneration from seamen; agreements of seamen; rules on agreements, and form of certificate of acknowledgment duly executed; seamen engaged in foreign ports to be shipped in presence of the United States Consul; allotment of wages; particulars necessary in advance notes; recovery of wages in case of illegal advance notes; mode of recovery; articles of agreement to be placed in every ship; compensation to seamen discharged before voyage is commenced; seamen to be discharged before a Shipping Commissioner; account of seamen's wages to be given in a certain form by master; certificate to be given by master on discharge; Commissioner to decide disputes; he may cause documents and witnesses to be produced in evidence; settlement of seamen's wages; report of master on conduct of seamen; penalization of seamen; legal rights; certain stipulations and agreements to be declared of no effect; wages not dependent on earning of freight; wages in case of wreck; wages forfeited for disobedience or through provisions and water; forfeiture for unjust complaints; seamen to go ashore to complain; allowances for short and short provisions; medicines; weights and measures; expenses in sickness or death; what if paid by Consul to be refunded from owner; wages and effects of deceased seamen; same to be paid to Consul shipping Commissioner; penalties for violating foregoing; effects of seamen dying abroad; wages of deceased seamen in United States; how to be paid over; if less than $200 to be paid over without probate; mode of dealing with unclaimed wages; offences and punishments; entry of same to be made in official log; master or owner may apprehend deserters without warrant; misconduct endangering life or limb; power of Admiralty Courts to remove master; application of forfeitures; questions therein to be decided in suits for wages; costs to be deducted from wages; officials not to be interested therein; fees to be signed; gratuities; entries to be received as evidence; attachment of wages in case of voyage; persons not to be on board a ship before moored without permission; lodging-house keepers; penalties and application; acts to be repealed; schedules of fees, articles, scale of provisions and certificates.

The most important points in the act are the following:

The Duties of Shipping Commissioners.—To afford facilities for engaging seamen by keeping a register of their names and characters; to superintend the engagements and discharge in the manner hereinafter mentioned; to provide means for securing the presence on board at the proper time of men who are so engaged; to facilitate the making of apprentices to merchant seamen and merchant ships as are ships to the sea service, and to perform such other duties by law or may hereafter, under the powers herein contained, be committed to them; the Shipping Commissioner may be consulted as custom houses. And in the case of any place or port in which no Shipping Commissioner shall have been appointed, then the whole or any part of the business of a Shipping Commissioner shall be conducted by the Collector or Deputy Collector of Customs of such place or port; and in respect of such business such custom house shall be deemed a shipping office, and the Collector or Deputy Collector of Customs to whom such business shall be committed shall for all purposes be deemed a Shipping Commissioner within the meaning of this act.

Articles of Agreement to be Placed in Every Ship.—The master shall, at the commencement of every voyage or engagement, cause a legible copy of the agreement (omitting the signatures) to be placed or hung up in such part of the ship as to be accessible to the crew. Penalty, in default, $100.

Certificate to be Given by Master on Discharge.—Upon the discharge of any seaman, or upon payment of his wages, the master shall sign and give him a certificate of discharge, specifying the period of his service and the time and place of his discharge in the form annexed, marked E. Penalty, in default, $50.

Naturalization of Seamen.—Every seaman, being a foreigner, who declares his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States in any competent Court, and shall have served in any vessels for three years on board of a merchant ship or ships of the United States, subsequently to the date of such declaration, may, on his application to any competent Court, and the production of his certificates of discharge and good conduct during that time, together with the certificate of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, be admitted a citizen of the United States; and every seaman, being a foreigner, shall, after his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, be deemed a citizen of the United States for the purpose of manning and serving on board any merchant ship of the United States, anything to the contrary in any previous act of Congress notwithstanding.

The regulations as to provisions and water provide that complaint as to bad quality shall be made to any naval officer, Consul, shipping commissioner or chief officer of the vessel, who shall examine the same, and whose report shall be final, and regulate the infliction of penalties. The medicine regulations provide that proper medicaments be kept on board, and anti-scorbutics under severe penalties. The offences of seamen are treated on at length, and are rather similar to ours as to penalties. In case of desertion the act gives power to masters and owners which would be required to be used with great discretion. The log-book regulations are minute, and perhaps the most sensible part of the document. The regulations as to provisions insure a liberal supply of nutritious food.

After a long debate the Secretary was instructed to prepare the following letter:

To Moses H. Grinnell, Esq., Collector of the Port of New-York:

SIR: The undersigned have read the proposed bill for the appointment of Shipping Commissioners, to superintend the shipping and discharge of seamen engaged in the merchant service, and are of the opinion that it should not become a law for the following reasons: It is unjustifiable and interferes with the individual rights of citizens, by taking from them the management of their private affairs and placing them in the hands of an army of Government officials. The present laws, if enforced, are sufficient for the protection of seamen, and we further believe that the commerce of the United States has now many serious obstacles to contend with, and should not be further fettered by the passage of this objectionable measure.

Respectfully, &c.

A member of the Association, Mr. W. NELSON, Jr., being about to leave for Europe, he was authorized by the Association to minutely examine into the cost of building iron and wooden ships here, and to report on their construction, and to furnish the members with any information he might be able to glean on the question. The meeting then adjourned.

Reopening of the Skating Season.

The remarkably open weather which has prevailed during the past three weeks has sadly interfered with the enjoyment of the votaries of the delightful recreation of skating, and they welcome with unfeigned gratification the return of King Frost's visit. Although skating will not become general immediately on the open ponds of Central Park and Prospect Park, the ice not being sufficiently strong to warrant the authorities throwing them open to the public, yet on the Capitoline, Union, and Fifth-avenue ponds the announcement of "Ball Up" will be made this morning. McMILLAN'S pond, on Fifth-avenue, between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, the ice is in magnificent condition; smooth as a sheet of glass, and of considerable thickness. This pond has become unusually popular on account of its admirable location and convenient access, and we learn that upwards of seven hundred season tickets have been disposed of already. The New-York Skating Club make it its headquarters.

The Steamboat Inspectors.

The annual report of the United States Steamboat Inspectors is now being prepared for transmission to the Treasury Department at Washington. During the last year 611 steamships were thoroughly inspected, boilers and machinery examined, and certificates given indorsing the safety of the boilers and their capacity to carry a certain number of pounds of steam, which the engineers were in no case allowed to exceed. There were few accidents during the year which the Inspectors were called upon to investigate.

The number of engineers examined, and who were awarded certificates by the Inspectors, was 775, and the number of pilots was 501. The Supervising Inspector of this district is Mr. ALEXANDER LOW; the Inspectors are Captains JOHN M. WEEKES and JOHN K. MATTHEWS, and the assistants are WILLIAM BERRYMAN, HOSEA BIRDSALL and ANDREW CRAFT.

Justice Dowling and the Police—He Fails to Make Good His Accusations.

Yesterday morning, Judge BOSWORTH, President of the Board of Police, addressed to JOSEPH DOWLING, Police Justice, the following letter:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1870.

Hon. Joseph Dowling:

DEAR SIR: You are reported in the *Herald* of this morning to have said yesterday that:

"I am certain that the Police of the Fifteenth Precinct cover those women in their pocket picking, and trick they get through. I also know that they receive a commission on every victims. The Police are leagued with the thieves."

You will greatly oblige the Police Commissioners by furnishing me with the name of every policeman whom you know to be guilty of the misconduct thus imputed to them. We would also much desire the names of any persons who can testify to such misconduct. On receipt of the information you have will investigate promptly, and such guilty of such disgraceful conduct will be summarily dismissed. With great respect, I am very truly yours,

C. H. BOSWORTH.

This letter was delivered to DOWLING during the morning, and at a late hour of the afternoon no written reply had been received by Judge BOSWORTH, nor was any expected, as DOWLING had verbally said that he would not become a complainant. Considerable indignation is expressed at Police Headquarters at this conduct of the Police Magistrate, who, after having publicly and formally accused the Police of crimes of the foulest character, thus declined to make good his charges or assist the Commissioners in driving such policemen out of the force.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

A Bevy of Public Dangers—Poison in Hair Dyes, Cosmetics and Croton Water—Swill Milk and Watered Milk—The Public Baths and Smallpox Questions.

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health was held at the usual hour yesterday afternoon; Mr. LINCOLN, the President, in the chair.

The weekly report of Dr. HARRIS, the Sanitary Superintendent, presented a number of subjects of general interest, chief among which was that of lead poisoning by means of the various fashionable hair dyes and cosmetics, pertinent to which a letter from Dr. LEWIS A. SAYRE was submitted, showing that three deaths had resulted from the use of LAIRD'S Bloom of Youth, and giving his opinion that the sale of this and all similar nostrums should be suppressed by law. Dr. HARRIS also touched upon the question of the presence of lead poison in Croton water but he was of opinion that there was very little, and that no general anxiety need be felt upon the subject. Dr. STONE declared his belief that there was no such poison in the water drank in consequence of its flowing through lead pipes, and as a means of definitely settling the question, upon his motion the subject was referred, with directions that an analysis be made of the water used in New-York and Brooklyn. During the reading of the various papers connected with the subject of lead poisoning, it appeared that a simple test to discover its presence in hair dyes and other such compounds is presented in Iodide of potassium.

A report was also submitted by Dr. HARRIS in reference to the use of stored and impure water in public baths from which it appeared that he had caused a thorough inspection to be made of seventeen Russian baths in the City, all of which were found to be supplied with fresh water, including the place in Broadway, against which the original complaint was made. Whatever might have been the former condition of the Gibson establishment, it is now in a good sanitary condition.

A report was also made of the analysis of milk made during the past fortnight, from which it appeared that samples were purchased at twelve different stores, which showed an average of eighty-eight per cent. of water, only two having over 90%. It was suggested that the Board authorize the chemist to submit for publication each week the record of all purchases and analyses of milk that fall below a natural minimum standard for percentages of the total quantity of butter, casine and sugar, and it was stated that the chemist will be able to show by 11 parts in 100 by weight of any sample of cow's milk may be justly regarded as the minimum for the totals of these three chief nutritive elements, and that 90 per cent. of water generally proves an injurious degree of watering. It was also regretted that no chemistry have yet brought cheap and easy tests to bear upon swill milk. Unhealthy cows and cows unhealthily fed and stabled must be judged on general principles. The analyses submitted in connection with the report, showed no sample up to the minimum standard as to butter, casine and sugar, the average being only seven for the two last, and in all cases except two they showed less than four parts of butter.

The question of the introduction of smallpox into the City from Quarantine, was brought up by Dr. SWINBURNE. At a former meeting of the Board, which was designated as a "private" one, a resolution was offered by Dr. STONE declaring such to be the case, and asking Congress to compel the vaccination of all emigrants before embarking. Dr. SWINBURNE characterized this resolution as insulting a false statement, and recommending totally unnecessary action. A protracted discussion ensued between him and Dr. STONE, which was finally ended by a motion of Judge BOSWORTH that the matter be referred to Dr. HARRIS, the Sanitary Superintendent, to report at the next meeting what information upon the subject he has, or has heretofore given to any member of the Board.

THE SLEEPY HOLLOW TRAGEDY.

The Examination by the Magistrate Waived, and the Prisoner Remanded to Await the Action of the Grand Jury—Buckout Interviewed in his Cell—The Dumb Made to Speak.

The preliminary examination of ISAAC VAN WART BUCKOUT, for the murder of his wife, ANN LOUISA BUCKOUT, and ALFRED RENDALL, near Tarrytown, on Saturday last, was to have taken place at White Plains yesterday before Justice PAULDING.

At 12 M. the prisoner was conducted by the jailor to the office of the Deputy Sheriff, evidently very much affected and depressed. District-Attorney DYCKMANN stated to the Court that there had been some misapprehension on the part of Coroner VAN TASSELL, who had sent for the inquest. The witnesses being in attendance, further examination, and the prisoner was remanded upon the Coroner's commitment to await the action of the Grand Jury, convening on the fourth Monday in January.

At 11 o'clock BUCKOUT was visited in his cell by our reporter, accompanied by Drs. SCHMIDT and HODSON and the counsel for the accused. The prisoner was apparently in the same state of mental disderangement and retirence which he had maintained since his incarceration. Either being administered, he immediately appeared rational and communicative, recognizing his counsel and calling them by name, after which he made the following statement:

I have been wonderfully, shamefully wronged by my wife. She was a heartless, bad woman. Her frequently left her, and I have been informed only by the vile reputation of my neighbors ever to return to her. In May last, myself and wife passed the evening at a neighbor's, Mr. SCHUYLER FOSHAY'S. On returning home we met DICK HILLYER, who he had to work for me the next day. HILLYER said he had no place to sleep that night, when Mrs. BUCKOUT suggested that he return with us, and HILLYER readily acquiesced. After all had retired some time, my wife left her bed and the room, returning shortly, closing the door very quietly, and softly crept to my side. I suspected all the time what she had been. I did not make any accusation against her that night, but the next morning I examined the bed which HILLYER occupied, and knowing my wife's physical condition at the time, I there found indisputable evidences of the correctness of my suspicions. Afterwards, when we were face to face, guilt was strongly written upon their countenances, that they were forced to admit their crime. Oh! gentlemen, she has been guilty of adultery with the lowest, dirtiest, meanest individual in my town.

The question was then put to the prisoner, whether the elder RENDALL had ever had any improper intercourse with his wife, to which he made no response. The same interrogation was then made in relation to CHAS. RENDALL, when BUCKOUT responded, "CHARLES RENDALL has brought me cruelly, most bitterly!"

In reply to the question, why he had committed the horrible deed with which he was charged, he raised his hand convulsively, exclaiming, "Oh! my God, I don't know! I don't know! I was driven to desperation; she made me do it!"

Throughout the whole interview the prisoner appeared calm and perfectly self-possessed, speaking only when spoken to, only once, however, voluntarily remarking that he had been comparatively intemperate for the past year. The affair has created the most intense excitement in the neighborhood.

The Masquerade of "La Coterie."

The second grand masquerade ball of "La Coterie," to be given at the Academy of Music Jan 13, promises to be a grand affair. One of the prominent features promised is the importation of two hundred of the most grotesque costumes, designed expressly for the Grand March, and imported from Paris at a vast outlay of funds by Mr. SEAVER, costumer for "La Coterie." These costumes, representing the five senses, viz.: Hearing, Smelling, Tasting, Touch, and Sight, are of the most comical and picturesque designs, and comprise an elaborate display of characters emblematic of these senses, together with all the accessories which serve to delight and gratify them. It is the intention to open the ball at 9 P. M. with a grand tableaux *vivant*, in which these figures will be characteristically grouped, presenting an effect entirely new and without precedent. The members of "La Coterie" will immediately after lead the grand procession, which being joined by the characters of the tableaux, will inaugurate the festivities of the evening. It is hoped subscribers will be in attendance at 9 o'clock, prompt, as the tableaux will be presented precisely at that hour, and thus witness one of the great features of the ball. The decorations for the building will be of the most superb design, being manufactured expressly for "La Coterie." Forty or fifty members of the Philadelphia Coterie will be present.

Popular Lectures Before the Young Men's Christian Association.

"Learning made easy" should be the motto of the Young Men's Christian Association upon their tickets to Dr. DOREMUS' course of lectures upon the chemistry of creation. The grandest thoughts of men, the most wondrous works of God, are to be portrayed in these popular lectures, illustrated by the alchemy of chemistry.

ANNUAL POLICE REPORT.

Detailed Statement of the Operations of the Force—Statistics of the Fire Marshal's Bureau.

The annual report of the Police Commissioners, which was given to the public yesterday, has been in great part anticipated by the TIMES. The following are the only additional details that are of public interest:

The value of lost or stolen property delivered to owners at the several Precincts and by the Detective and Court Squads is $1,743,706 84. The value of stolen property delivered from the Central Department was $1,062,187. The proceeds of unclaimed property sold in pursuance of law was $2,252 90; unclaimed cash, $1,526 55. During the past year the Sanitary Company has examined 3,809 stationary steam boilers, and tested by hydrostatic pressure 3,095, of these 720 were defective; 338 persons applied for certificates allowing them to take charge of boilers as engineers, of this number 444 received them. There are 76 ferry boats plying between New-York and the adjacent shores; in the number of passengers carried by them there has been a total increase of 7,063,413 within the past two years. There have been 880,161 persons furnished with lodgings at station-houses within the past nine years. In that time the number of lost children was 72,061, added to which were 779 foundlings, 90 of which were reported during the past year.

The number of arrests from 1860 to 1869, inclusive, has been 838,699. The arrests for last year were 93,340, being 5,521 less than that of the previous year. In 1867 there were 103,289 arrests, being the largest for any one year during the above-mentioned time. In 1864 there were only 69,871 arrests, owing to the large number of men that were in the army at that period. In 1867 they had been principally disbanded. A system by which a portion of the earnings of prisoners should be paid to them on their discharge is much to be desired. In such case they may live a life of honest industry instead of returning to crime. The provision of the Legislature to that effect, April 15, 1867, has never been carried out, owing, probably, to there never having been net earnings. A new law should be passed providing that a percentage of the prisoners' wages should be set apart and invested for their benefit. The monthly average of contract wages may be rated at fifty cents, and the working days three hundred. An allowance of ten per cent. to prisoners would in two years give an additional years in equal ratio, or in the whole district, on the basis of 2,000 prisoners, 2,000 years. The number authorized by law is 2,414. When the present organization was established, with a superintendent and four inspectors, there were only 1,600 patrolmen. Since then the force has been increased fifty per cent. There should be an increase of inspectors; two are required for ordinary duty, and only two remain for night duty. Thorough supervision by inspectors is required to prevent dereliction of duty. There were arrested for the year ending Oct. 31, 1869, 21,474 Irish, 4,533 Germans, 1,939 English, 627 Scotch, 474 French, 393 Swedish, 127 Italians, 59 Spanish, 20 Canadians, 17 Chinese, 18,741 American-born whites, 857 blacks, and other nationalities in small proportion. Those who could read and write were 11,129; those who could read only, 556, and those who could do neither, 11,264. The largest number of arrests were among the day laborers of both sexes; next prostitutes, then servants, and the latter class of men, the latter being principally arrested for cruelty in driving. There were 616 merchants, 115 lawyers, 123 physicians and 7 clergymen reported on the list of delinquents. From the report of the Treasurer it appears that the disbursements from Nov. 1, 1869, were $2,807,536 97, and the receipts for the same period $2,239,122 48. The disbursements of moneys received from the Comptroller from Nov. 7, 1868, to Nov. 1, 1869, were $745,659 54; the receipts $932,408 36. The disbursements for a Richmond County Police Fund from Nov. 7, 1868, to Jan. 1, 1869, were $13,334 36, and the receipts $15,000 30. The construction of buildings and general offices amounted to $101,803 34; that of Station Houses $230,681 60. The special Police disbursements were $78,994 58, and the receipts $189 14. Those of the West Farms Police Court were $13,722 97, and the receipts $687 50. Those of the Brooklyn Police Fund were $687,000 00, and the receipts $612,709 71. Those of the Yorkville Police Court were $23,647 01, and the receipts $24,790. At New Utrecht the balance and interest on expenses was $2,272 75; at Gravesend, $1,231 77; at Flatbush, $2,659 51; at Newtown, $4,711 16; at Jamaica, $2,613 75; at Flushing, $6,131 96; at New-Lots, $334 74; at Westchester, $6,131 96. The disbursements of the Metropolitan Reward Fund from Nov. 7, 1868, to Nov. 6, 1869, were $607 30, and the receipts $30,606 83. The capital of this fund is $29,999 53, $10,000 of which is in the United States Five-twenty bonds, and $29,989 53 in the Bowling-green Savings Bank.

The disbursements of the Police Life Insurance Fund from Dec. 10, 1868, to July 27, 1869, were $45,571 98 and the receipts $51,929 48. The capital of the fund is $161,759 85, which is invested in the Soldiers' Bounty Fund, &c.

The report of the Fire Marshal shows that during the year there were in New-York 913 fires against 822 for the previous year. The total number of buildings destroyed and damaged was 1,010, of which 325 were dwellings, 207 stores of various kinds, 139 as manufactories, 55 as stores and dwellings combined, and 53 as stables. The estimated total loss for the year was $3,416,402 against $4,067,376 for the previous year. The chief cause of fires was the carelessness of servants and occupants in the use of fire and lights. Ninety-eight fires were caused by kerosene, and 55 were of incendiary origin; 39 were caused by defective flues and 31 by fireworks; 53 persons were arrested for arson; of these 42 were discharged for want of evidence, 4 were honorably discharged, 1 was convicted of disorderly conduct and 3 were convicted of arson in the third degree. In Brooklyn there were 311 fires, with an estimated loss of $1,288,192; of these 10 were accidental; caused by carelessness, 47; foul chimneys, 9; children playing with fire, 12; defective flues, 14; fireworks, 24; defective heaters, 7; incendiary, 47, and the remainder from various causes; 96 persons were arrested for arson, of whom 20 were discharged by the Police Magistrates, 2 by the Grand Jury, 3 are awaiting trial, 1 was convicted, and 1 honorably acquitted.

NEWSPAPER LIBEL SUIT.

The Proprietors of a Sporting Newspaper to be Arrested on a Charge of Libel—George Wilkes the Injured Party.

Before Justice DOWLING, in the Toombs Police Court, yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. F. HOWE appeared, accompanied by one CHARLES J. FOSTER, who made the following affidavit in support of a charge of libel:

Charles J. Foster, of No. 201 William-street, being duly sworn. deposes and says that on the 4th day of January, 1870, in the City of New-York, he called at the office of a weekly newspaper called *The Turf, Field & Farm*, No. 37 Park-row, and purchased a copy thereof, he (deponent) and other persons purchased a part of this affidavit; that said paper contains an editorial article entitled "Dying of Criticism," which Wilkes, the editor and proprietor of a weekly newspaper published in the City of New-York; that the words and language used in said article are libelous and scandalous toward the said Wilkes, who is meant in the said article, as deponent verily believes and charges, having inferred that such was the meaning of the same, on reading said paper, and without consulting or advising with said Wilkes; that said newspaper, the *Turf, Field & Farm*, is edited and published by Saunders, Bruce and J. C. Simpson, in the City of New-York, and is circulated throughout the United States, and that the printing, publishing and circulating the said newspaper containing the said article, was done maliciously and willfully by the said Bruce & Simpson, with the intent to degrade the said Wilkes in the community, and that the said language contained in the said article is malicious and libelous, and of such a nature as has a tendency of a breach of the public peace, and affects the public morals. Deponent, therefore, prays that said Bruce & Simpson may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

The following extract from the article complained of contains the alleged libel:

"Unlike the famous author of polished epigrams, the second Samson in the editor, and not a popular orator. He opened his infant eyes upon this earth, Heaven knows how, when or where. He grew to manhood, loving Governor SEWARD much because he refused to pardon a youthful indiscretion. For a while he made his career on the Pacific coast, laud the false of law and order, winning honors, with a blank deposit ticket, to this their deposits were entered dered BRODERICK, and then returned to New-York with the spoils of friendship to establish a sporting paper, gaining fresh laurels by driving the genial WM. T. PORTER, a ruined man, into a drunkard's grave. Since then he has figured at many a prize fight, has been an honored guest at the Palace of St. James without the knowledge of the Queen; assisted in carrying on a stupendous war by speculating in substitutes; has furnished Congress and the Government with ideas of practical importance; has become a moral censor; has purified and elevated the turf; has ably represented the American character abroad; has demonstrated the generosity of his nature by riding through the streets of Paris in an open carriage with the Menken; has grown merry at the countenance of the Prince of Wales, and then has shown his gratitude to the 'profession,' by making it the subject of a sensational newspaper article. Recently he has amused himself with slaughtering the entire English nation, Queen and all, and has knocked the Harvard Four on the head, simply because they had the manliness to confess that they had been fairly beaten in the late international match on the Thames. His ambition is boundless. Like ALEXANDER he contemplates sighs for new worlds to conquer. Having killed off everybody of importance with his sledge-hammer criticism, he now designs, with a single stroke of his pen, to wipe out of existence the *Turf, Field and Farm*. We are extremely sensitive, and it is not to be presumed that we can withstand his ferocious assaults. Already we are wounded to the heart, and have written to Mr. CONNER, to the 'able Maurice,' to prepare our obituary."

An officer of the Court was sent by the Magistrate to notify Messrs. BRUCE and SIMPSON that their presence was desired, but as the officer failed to find them, he was directed to secure their attendance to-day.

German Society.

The Board of Trustees of the German Society of this City held their regular monthly meeting at their office, No. 13 Broadway, yesterday afternoon, Mr. PHILIP BISSINGER presiding. The report made on immigration showed that of 9,168 immigrants who landed at this port in December last, 4,300 were Germans, against 4,263 German immigrants during the same month in 1868, 5,650 in 1867, 4,044 in 1866, 7,898 in 1865, 2,445 in 1864. They had mainly embarked at Hamburg and Bremen. The report further showed that the whole number of immigrants that arrived at this port in 1869 was 265,476, among whom were 101,571 Germans, against a total number of 211,259 immigrants, and among last 111,151 were Germans, in 1868. During December last 104,316 Germans, in 1867. During December $2,000 for their benefit. The receipts and in were appropriated by the Board for the purpose during the present month. During December last the receipts of the Society were $4,293 99, and its total expenditures $1,396 78. It was resolved to hold an extra meeting for preparing the annual report of the Society, and after the transaction of some minor business the meeting adjourned.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT OF APPEALS CALENDAR.

ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The following is the day calendar of the Court of Appeals for Jan. 6:

Nos. 7½, 7⅞, 8, 8¼, 9, 10, 11, 13, 13½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½, 18, 18½.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, P. J., and Barnard and Brady, JJ.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Enumerated Motions.

Nos.		Nos.	
25—Schappner vs. The Second-avenue Railroad Co.		36—Goddard vs. Mallery.	
26—Edson vs. American Bank Note Co.		37—Hunt vs. Sanger.	
29—American Bank Note Co. vs. Edson.		38—Hall vs. Herman.	
30—Labens vs. Dupossenier.		39—Harden vs. Boyce.	
31—Werring vs. Indemnity Fire Insurance Co.		40—Benedict vs. Wolff.	
32—Woodworth vs. Morris.		42—Stewart vs. Drake.	
33—Davis vs. McElhany.		43—Gordon vs. Quigley.	
34—Mackay vs. Mackay.		44—Preston vs. Moore.	
35—Cochran vs. Dinamore, President, &c.		45—Fire vs. Orcutt.	
		47—Winter vs. Roberts.	
		48—Patterson vs. Baker.	
		49—Same vs. Same.	
		50—Patterson vs. Roberts.	
		51—Winters vs. Drake.	
		52—Branch vs. Roberts.	
		53—Same vs. Same.	

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Cardozo, J.—Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.		Nos.	
19—Oechs vs. Leland.		128—O'Connor vs. Lockwood.	
29—Sage vs. Volkening.		139—Simonson vs. Lockwood.	
36—Cantwell vs. Schaefer.		142—Davidson vs. Bailey.	
37—Romeyn vs. Ball.		158—Abrams vs. Hart.	
41—Brown vs. Mapleden.		159—Shea vs. Dinsmore.	
55—Ochs vs. Dillirnstern.		168—Sage vs. Volkening.	
65—Levy vs. Levy.		194—In re The New-York Harlem R. R. Co.	
69—Foley vs. Benton.		196—First National Bank of Rhinebeck vs. Deusch.	
74—Miller vs. National Health Ins. Co.		197—Hutchman vs. Hall.	
78—Jones vs. France.		204—Purcell vs. Grayson.	
79—Shervell vs. France.		206—Whiting vs. Gunn.	
106—Foley vs. Burton.		207—Whelan vs. Russell.	
121—Moody vs. Street.		219—Hamilton vs. Mackay.	
136—Allen vs. Cook.			
137—St. John vs. Lockwood.			

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Bedford, City Judge.

Nos.		Nos.	
1—The People vs. Patrick Martin; arson.		5—The People vs. Jas. W. Hyde, alias Jas. Campbell; larceny from the person.	
2—The People vs. Francis Gallagher, Thos. Holden, Caspar Sawyer; burglary.		9—The People vs. Edwa'd Clairmonte; larceny from the person.	
3—The People vs. John Shevlin; burglary.		10—The People vs. Catherine O'Connell; larceny from the person	
4—The People vs. John H. Brown, James Kelley; felonious assault and battery.		11—The People vs. Catherine McKenna; gr'd larceny.	
5—The People vs. John Holt; felonious assault and battery.		12—The People vs. Emilio Jarvase; grand larceny.	
6—The People vs. Mary Hawkins; grand larceny.		13—The People vs. Thos. J. Murphy; gr'd larc'y.	
7—The People vs. John Murphy; larceny from the person.		14—The People vs. Christ'n Schmidt, (3 cases;) grand larceny.	

DECISIONS.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 5.

By Chief Justice Barbour.

Marsh *vs.* Libby; order granted.

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port that the People of New-York, by the Deputy Attorney-General of the State, had thrown the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company into insolvency, turns out to have been a mere *trick* of the Erie Ring, and on proper representations to the Attorney-General himself, at Albany, the following day, time has been granted for a rehearing of the case by the real representatives of the Atlantic and Great Western [Company, in place of the bogus Attorneys which are reported to have appeared in the Supreme Court on their behalf. The whole proceeding on Friday last turns out to have been another of the very numerous theatrical *ex parte* performances of late, of the Erie party, before the Courts of New-York, sanctioned in this instance, and in others, by Justice BARNARD, of the Supreme Bench, though we are far from believing that he will continue his order on the exposure of the transparent rascality of the proceeding. The movement, it turns out, as we supposed it would, was designed to anticipate the removal of JAY GOULD and O'DOHERTY as Receivers of the New-York Division of the Atlantic and Great Western, as applied for by the Trustees of the New-York Divisional Mortgagees at Fredonia, Chatauqua County, (Eighth Supreme Court Circuit,) last week. But in this it utterly failed. JAY GOULD and O'DOHERTY have been promptly removed by Justice BARKER, of the Eighth Circuit; and Judge HITCHCOCK, of Ashtabula, the Receiver appointed at Akron, Ohio, a few weeks since, for the Ohio Division, with the understanding that he would be appointed in Pennsylvania and New-York, was placed in charge of the road.

The Illinois Central Company have declared their usual half-yearly Dividend of *five* ℔ *cent.*, payable Feb. 1, free of tax. The transfers close Jan. 17.

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern half-yearly Dividend of *four* ℔ *cent.* is payable Feb. 1, at the Union Trust Company, free of tax. The transfers close Jan. 15, at the Farmers' Trust.

The Louisiana National Bank of New-Orleans has declared a half-yearly Dividend of *five* ℔ *cent.*, payable to New-York Stockholders by Messrs. WINSLOW, LANIER & Co., Jan. 10.

The Howard Insurance Company have declared a half-yearly Dividend of *six* ℔ *cent.*, payable, free of tax, Jan. 10.

The People's Fire Insurance Company have declared a half-yearly Dividend of *six* ℔ *cent.*, pay ble, free of tax, on demand.

The Mercantile Fire Insurance Company have declared a half-yearly Dividend of *five* ℔ *cent.*, payable, free of tax, on demand.

The comparative earnings of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad were as follows:

Fourth week in December, 1868	$76,649
Fourth week in December, 1869	85,100
Increase	$8,451
Month of December, 1868	$381,498
Month of December, 1869	387,700
Increase	$6,202

Mr. GEORGE W. WILSON, of the Stock Exchange, and Mr. MORTIMER L. FOWLER, late of Messrs. FOWLER, OSGOOD & CO., have formed a new Stock firm at No. 26 Broad-street, under the style of Messrs. FOWLER & WILSON.

The Star Fire Insurance Company have declared a half yearly Dividend of *five* ℔ *cent.*, payable, free of tax, on demand.

The New-York *Maritime Register* commenced its second volume with the new year, and with an encouraging increase of business patronage, which its indefatigable conductors have fairly earned, by the presentation of a semi-weekly shipping record, the most complete and reliable that has ever been made available to the mercantile community.

The Hamilton Fire Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of six ℔ cent.; and the Howard Insurance Company a semi-annual Dividend also of six ℔ cent.

The Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., has declared a semi-annual Dividend of six ℔ cent.; the Merchants' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., a semi-annual Dividend of ten ℔ cent., and the City Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., a quarterly Dividend of four ℔ cent., all payable on demand.

New-York Commerce.

The following were the arrivals of vessels in New-York from foreign ports in the month of December, 1869:

American	139	Swedish	2
British	145	French	2
North German Confederation	20	Netherlands	1
Norwegian	12	Danish	1
Austrian	3	Mexican	1
Italian	7	Total	344
Entrances—Coastwise			223
Clearances—Coastwise			380
Foreign clearances			327

Hartford Dividends Declared.

HARTFORD, Jan. 3.—Our city corporations have declared dividends as follows:

Ætna Fire Insurance Company, (quarterly,) 4 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....$180,000
Hartford Fire Insurance Company, (semi-annual,) 10 ℔ cents., amount of dividend.....100,000
Phœnix Fire, (semi-annual,) 5 ℔ cent., and special of 2½ ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....75,000
Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, (semi-annual,) 10 cent., amount of dividend.....
Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, (semi-annual,) 6 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....20,000
City Fire Insurance Company, (quarterly,) 4 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....12,000
Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, (semi-annual,) 5 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....10,000
National Exchange Bank, 5 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....9,000
Ætna National Bank, 5 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....25,000
Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank, 5 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....26,250
Connecticut River Banking Company, 5 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....55,250
State Bank, 4 ℔ cent., amount of dividend.....12,500
.....16,000

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☞ THE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY OF IOWA offers its First Mortgage Seven per Cent. Gold Bonds at 95, free of tax. Pamphlets and full information may be obtained, and subscriptions will be received at the Company's offices, No. 32 Pine-st., New-York; at the Bank of North America, No. 44 Wall-st., and at Howes & Macy's, No. 30 Wall-st.

W. B. SHATTUCK, Treasurer.

☞ GEORGE OPDYKE & CO., BANKERS, *No.* 25 Nassau-street, offer for sale the following desirable securities: First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad; First Mortgage 8 per cent. Gold Bonds of the Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad, indorsed by the State of Alabama; First Mortgage 8 per cent. Bonds of the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad; 7 per cent. Land Grant Bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad, and some prime 10 per cent. Currency Bonds.

The attention of investors is invited to these well-secured Bonds. Full information in regard to them will be furnished upon application to the agents offering them for sale.

☞ THE ATTENTION OF CAPITALISTS AND INVESTORS GENERALLY is invited to the following Loans, which we offer upon terms, making them an unusually desirable investment:

EIGHT PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE SELMA, MARION AND MEMPHIS RAILROAD COMPANY.

Indorsed by the State of Alabama.

These bonds are payable, principal and interest in coin, and are a FIRST MORTGAGE, each of $16,000 per mile, upon FINISHED AND COMPLETED ROADS. They being issuable upon each section only when completed.

SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD COMPANY.

These are a FIRST MORTGAGE, FIFTY YEARS, CONVERTIBLE, SINKING FUND bond. PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST are PAYABLE in COIN; and as the road is opened for traffic as rapidly as constructed, the interest is earned as the bonds are issued. The road runs through the richest and best populated sections of Iowa and Minnesota.

SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE BRUNSWICK AND ALBANY RAILROAD COMPANY OF GEORGIA.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE in GOLD, GUARANTEED by the STATE of GEORGIA; RUN FIFTY YEARS; are a FIRST MORTGAGE of $15,000 per mile of constructed road, and are issued only as the road is fully completed and accepted by the State.

After a thorough investigation of the above enterprises, we recommend these bonds as first-class investments, affording absolute safety and paying an unusually liberal rate of interest.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.,
Bankers, No. 32 Wall-st.

☞ PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS, FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX. COUPON OR REGISTERED.

The undersigned offer for sale at a moderate figure $250,000 of the above bonds. The road is completed, is mortgaged for less than one-half its cost, and is earning more than double the interest on the loan. Government and other securities exchanged at full rates.

CLARK, DODGE & CO.,
No. 51 Wall-st.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1870.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	67	Leather, sides	18,147
Beeswax, pkgs	1	Spirits Turp., bbls.	66
Cotton, bales	3,129	Petroleum, ref., bbls.	325
Cotton Seed, bags	374	Pork, bbls	694
Dried Fruit, pkgs	7	Beef, pkgs	270
Eggs, bbls	361	Oatmeal, pkgs	343
Flour, bbls	9,571	Lard, pkgs	778
Corn, bushels	662	Lard, kegs	300
Oats, bushels	8,028	Butter, pkgs	2,428
Malt, bushels	2,000	Cheese, pkgs	632
Beans, bushels	1,845	Stearine, pkgs	30
Peas, bushels	150	Tallow, pkgs	485
Cornmeal, bbls	865	Dressed Hogs, No	2,429
Cornmeal, bags	1,220	Peanuts, bags	393
Buckwheat Flour, pkgs	62	Rice, pkgs	69
Oatmeal, bbls	100	Starch, pkgs	500
Ginsing, pkgs	87	Tobacco, hhds	35
Hops, bales	361	Tobacco, trs & cases	97
Oil Cake, pkgs	240	Whisky, bbls	993
Hides, No	128	Wool, bales	169
Hides, bundles	385		

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the steamer *Manhattan*, for Liverpool—3,162 bales Cotton, 29,424 bushels Wheat, 92,380 lbs. Bacon, 12,500 lbs. Cheese, 6 cases Worsted, 3 boxes Clocks.

ASHES—Have been quiet but firm at $7 27½ ℔ $7 62½ for Pots, and $9 25@$9 75 for Pearls, ℔ 100 lbs. Stock, 667 bbls. Pots and 91 bbls. Pearls. Messrs. LESTER, PALMER & CO. furnish the following statement of the Inspection business at their warehouse in 1869:

POTS.

	First Sort.	Second Sort.	Third Con-Sort. dem'd.
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1869	358	60	29 8
Inspected to Jan. 1, 1870	7,228	603	51 17
Total	7,586	672	80 25
Delivered to Jan. 1, 1870	7,240	611	72 19
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1870	346	61	8 6
Stock on hand Jan. 4, 1870	346	106	9 6

PEARLS.

Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1869	97	89	4 ..
Inspected to Jan. 1, 1870	986	215	21 ..
Total	1,083	254	25 ..
Delivered to Jan. 1, 1870	1,023	247	28 ..
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1870	60	7	.. ..
Stock on hand Jan. 4, 1870	84	7	.. ..

Ashes Inspected from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31—

	Pot.	Pearl.	Total.
1860	bbls. 18,327	5,219	23,576
1861	15,627	4,195	19,822
1862	18,188	2,946	16,134
1863	12,720	2,308	15,068
1864	12,809	3,215	16,024
1865	12,214	2,894	14,908
1867	8,856	1,289	10,145
1868	7,215	1,331	8,546
1869	6,408	1,904	10,312
	7,599	1,522	9,121

COFFEE—Has been moderately inquired for at rather less buoyant prices, including Java at 21½@ 22½c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@20½c.; Laguayra, 16½c.@ 18½c.; Rio, 15c.@17½c., in bond; Native Ceylon, 17½c. @19½c.; Jamaica, 15c.@20c.; Singapore, 19c.@20c.; Costa Rica, 14½c.@19c.; Manila, 10c.@18c.; Mexican, 14c.@18c.; Savanilla, 16c.@18½c.; San Domingo, in bond, 14½@99c., gold, ℔ lb. Sales have been reported since our last of 11,850 bbls., including the 5,000 bbls. aforesaid, at private terms; and very poor to choice Superfine State and Western, at $4 70@$5 10; very inferior to good Extra State at $5 20@$5 70; poor to choice Spring Wheat Extra State at $5 70@$6 25, and poor to good Shipping brands of round-hoop Ohio at $5 35@$6 75 ℔ bbl.

Superfine State and Western.....$4 70@$5 10
Extra State.....5 20@ 6 25
Extra Ohio, Indiana, &c.....5 15@ 7 50
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipping brands..5 35@ 5 75
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands.....5 80@ 7 50
Extra Genesee.....5 70@ 7 50
Poor to Fancy Extra Missouri.....6 20@ 7 50
Southern Flour in bond request, but quoted steady; sales have been reported, since our last, of 900 bbls. in lots, at $6 50@$6 15 for poor to fair Ordinary, and $6 15@$6 for fair Ordinary to very choice Extra. ℔ bbl. Rye Flour continues in limited demand and heavy at $4 40@$5 65 for inferior to very choice, ℔ bbl.; sales 275 bbls. Cornmeal has been in slack demand at about $4 50@$5 for Western, $4 50@$4 75 for Jersey, and $5 25@$5 15 for brandywine, ℔ bbl.; sales 200 bbls. Buckwheat Flour is inactive at $3 10@$3 60 ℔ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been quite active but at a further reduction in prices. The inquiry has been mainly for prime Winter and low grades of Spring, for 117,000 bushels, including White Western for $1 40@ $1 50; Red and Amber Western, very inferior to choice, at from $1 20@$1 34, chiefly prime Amber at $1 21@$1 22 for prime to choice, delivered; No. 2 Spring at $1 11@$1 15; White Genesee at $1 50@$1 60; Red and Amber State at $1 32@$1 35, and choice Amber Southern at $1 32 ℔ bushel. Corn has been quiet and depressed. Sales have been reported since our last of 28,000 bushels, in lots, at $1 05@$1 06 for ordinary Mixed Western; $1 10@$1 14 for poor to prime; very choice sound Old Mixed Western; 92c. for low delivery, 96c.@$1 for Yellow and White Southern and Jersey ℔ bushel. Rye is dull at $1 20@$1 05 for Western and Jersey; $1 12 @$1 15 for State, ℔ bushel; sales, 1,550 bushels. Barley continues in limited demand at drooping rates; sales have been reported since our last of 5,800 bushels, including two-rowed State at $1 08, and Canada East at $1 10@$1 25 ℔ bushel. Barley Malt is dull at from 85c. to 90c. for shipping, and 90c.@$1 15 for local use, ℔ 100 lbs. Straw is dull at 70c.@$1 10 for short and Long, ℔ 100 lbs.

HIDES—The week's receipts have been 85,073 Hides; sales, 114,400 Hides, the latter including, according to Messrs. HULL & CO., 33,300 Dry Buenos Ayres, (part to arrive,) 22@22½ lbs., 22½c., gold, selected; 700 Dry Buenos Ayres, Seconds, 22½ lbs., private terms; 9,800 Dry Entre Rios, (to arrive,) 21½@22½ lbs., 22¼c.@22½c.; 17,500 Dry Montevideo, (to arrive,) 21½@22 lbs., 22¼c.; 14,500 Dry Rio Grande, (to arrive,) 20½@21 lbs., 22¼c.; 2,050 Dry California, 22@22 lbs., 20¼c.@20¾c., gold, selected; 1,200 Dry Acupulco, 21 lbs., private terms; 3,700 Dry Central American, 18@21½ lbs., 18c.@ 18¼c., gold, as they run; 3,000 Dry Bogota, &c., 20@22 lbs.; 6,500 Dry Mexican, 19@25 lbs., private terms; 3,200 Dry Texas, 22@22 lbs., 21c., currency, as they run; 1,000 Dry Texas Kips, 12 lbs., 2,000 Dry-salted Maracaibo, 25 lbs., private terms; 1,500 Wet-salted Fallenland Island Cow, 44 lbs., 2,500 Wet-salted Rio Grande, to arrive, 50 lbs., 12c., gold, selected; 700 Wet-salted California, 51 lbs.; 1,250 Wet-salted Matamoras, 50 lbs.; 2,000 Wet-salted Texas, 50@55 lbs., private terms; 1,000 Wet-salted Western, 60 lbs., 10c., currency, as they run; 2,000 City Slaughter, 75 lbs., 10¼c. @11c., currency, selected. The stock on hand is 62,300 Hides and 900 bales, (same time last year 27,900 Hides and 350 bales,) as follows: 34,300 Dry Buenos Ayres, 4,300 Dry Montevideo, 3,300 Dry Orinoco, 2,700 Dry California, 900 Dry Central American, 400 Dry Bogota, &c., 2,300 Dry Tampico, 700 Dry and Salted Maracaibo, 5,400 Dry and Salted Mexican, 700 Dry and Salted West India, 7,600 Dry and Salted Texas, 1,600 Wet Salted Rio Grande Cow, 900 bales Calcutta Cow and Buffalo. The imports for the month of December were 160,751 Hides, and 542 bales from foreign, and 66,010 from domestic ports. Total, 226,761 Hides, and 542 bales. This year, 2,319,330 Hides, and 2,406 bales from foreign, and 671,047 from domestic ports. Total, 2,990,377 Hides, and 2,406 bales. Total for 1869, 2,990,377 Hides; total for 1868, 2,321,222 Hides; total for 1867, 2,646,220 Hides; total for 1866, 1,941,016 Hides; total for 1865, 1,771,141 Hides.

HOPS—Trade has been slow, but prices have not varied materially. We quote: New-York at 20c.@ 30c.; Eastern, 18c.@23c.; Ohio, 15c.@22c.; Michigan, 15c. @12.; Wisconsin, 18c.@23c.; Yearlings, 8c.@18c.; Old Olds, 2c.@3c. ℔ lb. Receipts to-day, 361 bales; exports, —bales.

INDIGO—Has been held above buyers' limits, and has been inactive. Stock, 1,640 pkgs., against 1,890 pkgs. same time last year.

LEATHER—There has been more inquiry for Sole, especially for Hemlock and middle and light weights of Oak, at our quotations. Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, Heavy, 29c.@31c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, Middle, 30c.@31c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, Light, 29c.@30½c.; Hemlock, California, Heavy, 28c.@29c.; Hemlock, California, Middle, 29½c.; Hemlock, California, Light, 29c.@30c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., Heavy, 27c.@30.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., Middle, 28½c. @29½c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., Light, 28½c.@29½c. Hemlock, Good Damaged, all kinds and weights, 26c. @28c.; Hemlock, Poor Damaged, all kinds and weights, 20c.@23c.; Hemlock, in the Rough, 26c.@30c.; Oak Slaughter, Heavy, 39c.@45c.; Oak Slaughter, Middle, 38c.@44c.; Oak Slaughter, Light, 36c.@40c.; Oak Slaughter, Cropped, Heavy, 44c.@46c.; Oak Slaughter, Cropped, Middle, 40c.@42c.; Oak Slaughter, Cropped, Light, 36c.@40c.; Oak Slaughter, in the Rough, Heavy, 36c.@ 38c.; Oak Slaughter, in the Rough, Middle, 36c.@38c.; Oak Slaughter, in the Rough, Light, 36c.@44c.; Oak Slaughter, Bellies, 22c.@24c.; Southern Rough, all weights, 22c.@23c. ℔ lb.

MOLASSES—Has been quiet at about former rates; 250 bbls. New-Orleans changed hands at from 75c. @ 76c. ℔ gallon. We quote: New-Orleans, Prime, 75c.@ 80c.; Cuba at 25c.@45.; English Islands at 40c.@ 60c.; New-Orleans at 65c.@91c. ℔ gallon, and in detail thus:

	Per gallon.
Cuba, Centrifugal and Mixed	35c.@42c.
Cuba, Clayed	30c.@35c.
Cuba, Muscovado, refining grades	30c.@35c.
Cuba, Muscovado, grocery grades	42c.@45c.
Porto Rico	35c.@40c.
English Islands	40c.@60c.
New-Orleans	65c.@91c.

METALS—Have been quoted weak in price, as a rule, on a very limited trade. The available supplies here include 6,000,000 lbs. Ingot Copper, 3,000 tons Scotch Pig Iron, 1,250 tons Pig Lead, 650 tons Foreign Spelter, 180 tons English Tin, 1,200 slabs Banca Tin, and 8,500 slabs Straits Tin, against 7,000,000 lbs. Ingot Copper, 1,500 tons Scotch Pig Iron, 1,500 tons Pig Lead, 350 tons Spelter, 50 tons English Tin, 2,000 slabs Banca Tin, and 7,400 slabs Straits Tin, same time last year. Messrs. JOSEPH BYRNE & CO., in their annual circular, sum up the trade of the past year substantially as follows: *Copper*—Large transactions and great fluctuations in price took place in January and February, quotations in these months ranging from 22¼c.@27½c. for Lake and Baltimore Smeltings; the article since has had a steady decline, being 24c. in April, 22c. in August, and reaching 21½c. this month. Within a few days rumors have been current in the market of a large speculative movement, but they do not receive much credence. We quote a dull market at 21¾c.@22c. for Lake, at Baltimore. *Pig Iron*—American, best brands, Nos. 1 and 2 Scotch, were held at $39 and $37 respectively, in January, with a dull market; all whose judgment were entitled to weight anticipating a decided concession in prices before any important business could be effected by the companies. This opinion was justified by the then condition of trade and the prospects for the ensuing Spring, which were not generally regarded as over promising. Early in February, contracts covering 10,000 to 20,000 tons were current with the furnaces, at $40 and $38 for Nos. 1 and 2, prices advanced temporarily to $42 and $40, but without leading to business, and soon relapsed to $40 and $38, which have been maintained throughout the year, with a moderate business and sluggish market. Many of the prominent foundry concerns were obliged to carry over large surplus stocks, the companies having with them, insisted upon fulfillment of contract. The market closes inactive and unsettled at $38 and $34 for Nos. 1 and 2, best brands. *Scotch*—The year opened with a light stock and firm market, Glengarnock selling at $40 in January, advancing in sympathy with the movement in American to $42 in March and April, when, with large arrivals and changed opinion as to the future course of the market, prices commenced to yield, reaching $35 for Glengarnock in August, since when, influenced by continued large receipts and the course of gold, the tendency has been downward. Considerable business was done in November at $38 for Glengarnock, and the market cannot be said to have absolutely recovered from the depression. The question of reducing the duty on Pig Iron, now before Congress, excites considerable interest and interferes with business. We quote: Ex yard and ship, Glengarnock, $33@$38; Gartsherrie, $38; Eglinton, $33@$34. Stock, 3,000 tons, against 1,000 tons last year. Old Rails and Scrap Iron have been in good demand, with large importations, and $42 50 for Bridge, $41 for Wrought Scrap, $36@$36, with a dull market. Stock light to-day, 1,000 tons arrive. *Tin Plate*—Prices were artificially advanced in January and February, by speculative purchases based upon the Messrs. Chance of Block Tin, which it was expected would affect the cost of Tin Plate, and large contractions were made at an average of $6 for I. C. charcoal. The market did not respond to these expectations, and some of the purchases had to be resold in July to realize advances, and were closed off at ℔ 50@ $7 75, notwithstanding the fact that the cost of production at the time was equal to $8 50. Improvement, however, was accelerated by the Western freight war, which prevailed in August and September, and which gave a strong impetus to the demand, prices reacting to $8 62½. Since then business has been light, and prices have had a declining tendency. *Pig Tin*—Speculation has exercised more influence on this article during the year than either demand or supply. A strong speculative combination, having for its object the entire control of the English and foreign markets for the ensuing year, was organized about November, 1868; Straits being then quoted at 36½@36¾c., when their operations commenced and the market experienced unwonted excitement for several months thereafter. Naturally our market sympathized with the foreign excitement, and the attempt which met with powerful and successful resistance, was made to get the stock here under the control of speculators, prices advancing.

Comparative Imports at New-York.

	1867.	1868.	1869.
Bar Iron, tons	26,735	14,062	22,947
Pig Iron, tons	6,749	29,323	30,227
Sheet Iron, bundles	476,126	244,303	236,772
Tin Plate, boxes	786,817	804,437	974,856
Block Tin, pigs	73,506	69,230	67,677

NAVAL STORES—Resin has been firm, but not active, on the basis of $2 for 225 lbs. for common to good Strained ℔ 280 lbs.; sales 650 bbls. Nothing new in Tar or Crude Turpentine. Spirits Turpentine has been in reduced supply and fair request at the advanced figures of 44c.@44½c. for merchantable ℔ gallon; receipts 66 bbls.; sales 130 bbls. We quote: Spirits Turpentine at 44c.@45c. ℔ gallon in casks nominally at 43@45c. Resin $2 07½@$3 50 ℔ 280 lbs., the latter for choice White. Tar, $2 40@$2 85. Pitch, $2 40@$2 62½ ℔ bbl.

OILS—There has been very little inquiry for any description, though prices have been supported. We quote: Crude Whale at 72½c.@65c. for Southern and Northern; Bleached Whale at 6½@61 02½; Crude Sperm at $1 55@$1 60; Bleached Sperm at $1 75@ $1 80; Bleached Winter Sperm at $1 80@$1 85; Lard Oil at $1 45@$1 55; Red Oil at at 80c.@92c.; Linseed Oil at 90c.@96c., in casks and barrels; Olive Oil at $1 40@$1 42½; Menhaden at 67c.@70½c.; Sperm Oil at 40c.@41c.

NEW-BEDFORD MARKET—*Week ending Jan. 1.*—The market has ruled quiet since our last, the only transaction reported being 90 bbls. Sperm and 300 bbls. Northern Whale, for manufacturing, on private terms.

Imports of Sperm and Whale Oil and Whalebone into the United States.

	Bbls. Sperm.	Bbls. Whale.	Lbs. Bone.
Year ending Jan. 1, 1870	48,029	66,160	870,497
Preceding year	42,713	88,477	957,944
Exports for the week ending Jan. 1, 1870	91	9	17,869
Previously reported	18,454	3,833	293,736
From Jan. 1, 1869, to date	18,545	3,842	311,605
Same time last year	15,815	7,027	736,433

[Whalemen's Shipping List and Merchants' Transcript.]

PETROLEUM—The general market has been tame to-day, though without remarkable change as to price. Crude has been inactive but steady, on the basis of 15¼c., in bulk, here, for early delivery, with sales reported of 500 bbls.; 19¼c.@20c. for Crude, in shipping order; 20c.@20½c. (nominally) for Crude, in bonded order; 22c.@23½c. (nominally) for Crude, in bond, at Philadelphia, and 12¼c. for Crude, in bulk, at Pittsburg, early delivery, ℔ gallon. No receipts of Crude were reported to-day at Philadelphia. 400 bbls. arrived. Refined Oil has been sparingly sought after at about previous quotations. Sales have been reported here, for use, since our last, of 3,750 bbls. Standard White, for early delivery, at 29c.@29¼c. ℔ gallon. Also at Philadelphia, 1,500 bbls. Standard White, for early delivery, at 30c.@30½c. ℔ gallon. The receipts at Philadelphia here were 225 bbls.; at Philadelphia, 1,000 bbls. The export clearances have been unimportant. Standard White, in cans, is in light demand at 35c.@ 38c., and Prime White, 37c.@39c. ℔ gallon. Naphtha is in rather more request for export, and quoted at 9½c.@10c., in bbls., and 15@16c. in cases, ℔ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been depressed and lower, on a moderate inquiry. Sales have been reported since our last of 400 bbls., in lots, at $28 62½@$28 75 for Old Western Mess, $28 25@$28 50 for New, Mess, ℔ bbl. Also, 2,250 bbls. New Mess, seller'd at, prompt, including January, at $28 06¼c., February, at $28 25, and six months, at $27 50 ℔ bbl. Dressed Hogs continue in slack request, and lower, at 12½c. for Western, and 13¼c.@ 13¾c., chiefly at 13¼c. Prime Mess Beef is dull and heavy; sales have been quite dull and heavy; sales have been confined to equal to 75 pkgs., at 11c.@12c. for Sweet-pickled Shoulders, and 15c.@16c. for Sweet-pickled Hams, ℔ lb. Bacon is in moderate demand at drooping rates; sales 550 boxes, including Cumberland, part at 14c.@14¼c.; Short Rib, 15c.; Long Clear at 15¼c. ℔ lb. Lard has been quiet and heavy; sales have been reported of 350 tierces and 500 bbls., at 13¼c.@13¾c. for No. 1 to choice Kettle-rendered, chiefly at 13¾c.; 250 tierces for City, and 16¼c.@16¾c. for fair to prime Steam ℔ lb. Cut Meats have been quite dull and heavy; sales have been confined to equal to 75 pkgs., at 11c.@12c. for Sweet-pickled Hams, ℔ lb. Tallow is moderately inquired for; sales 130 bbls. Refined Grease is in moderate demand at drooping rates; sales 550 boxes, including Cumberland, part at 14c.@14¼c.; Short Rib, 15c.; Long Clear at 15¼c. ℔ lb. Lard has been quiet and heavy; sales have been reported of 350 tierces and 500 bbls., at 13¼c.@13¾c. for No. 1 to choice Kettle-rendered, chiefly at 13¾c.; 250 tierces for City, and 16¼c.@16¾c. for fair to prime Steam ℔ lb. Also, 500 tierces prime Western Steam for February delivery, seller's option, 17c.@17¼c. ℔ lb. Beef is also of sale at $10@$14 for Plain Mess, and $12 @$17 for Extra do., ℔ bbl.; sales 160 lbs. Pierce Beef continues quiet, including New Prime Mess at from $25@$26, and India Mess at $27@$31 ℔ tierce; sales of 190 tierces. Beef Hams are dull at from $21@$24 for New ℔ bbl.; sales 100 bbls. Butter is in very moderate demand, including State, common to prime, at 32c. @42c.; Fancy, 43c.@46c., and Western, including prime, 20c.@23c. ℔ lb.; the receipts to-day were 2,428 pkgs. Cheese is in some request at from 10c.@18c., as the extremes, for very common to fancy Factory; the receipts of the day were 632 boxes.

Stocks in the Packing Yards of New-York and Brooklyn.

PORK.

	Total Old and New. Jan. 1, 1870.	Dec. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1869.
Clear, bbls	26	115	88
Mess, bbls	1,979	1,861	13,478
Thin Mess, bbls	120	626	238
Prime Mess, bbls	312	....	751
Prime, bbls	....	706	....
Prime, bbls	832	202	491
Rumps, bbls	34	18	3
Refuse Mess, bbls	51	13	57
Refuse Prime Mess, bbls	2	7	70
Refuse Prime, bbls	26	11	13
Other Refuse, bbls	57	13	38
Uninspected, bbls	9,723	1,937	18,944
Grand total, bbls	22,861	5,519	34,169

BEEF.

Repacked Mess	2,973	2,188	7,228
Repacked Chicago Mess	709	2,706	9,215
Railroad Beef	162	....	....
Refuse Mess	16	52	1,962
Other Refuse	....	142	....
Tcs. Prime Mess	2,712	....	591
Country Mess	466	4,661	389
Country Prime	....	852	1,209
Uninspected tcs	....	491	....
Uninspected bbls	5,315	3,789	18,471
	11,706	9,586	17,544
Grand total, tcs. and bbls	22,789	24,854	56,609

SALT—Has been very quiet, though buyers have had any existing advantage. The past year's receipts of all kinds of foreign at this port were equal to 2,674,- 887 bushels; consumption, 2,566,601 bushels; stock now here in importers' hands, 108,286 bushels and 4,100 sacks Liverpool, and 62,222 bushels West Indies.

SALTPETRE—Has been quite dull at unaltered prices. Messrs. H. H. CROCKER & CO. furnish the following comparative statistics of the trade of the past three years:

	1869. Bags.	1868. Bags.	1867. Bags.
Imported into the United States from Jan. 1 to date	36,635	30,384	30,852
On the way to the United States Dec. 31	16,239	7,945	1,710
Loading at foreign ports at last dates for the United States	6,039	8,055	....
Stock in importers' and speculators' hands in Boston, Dec. 30	5,000	12,000	17,430
Stock in importers' and speculators' hands in New-York, Dec. 30	....	1,600	2,200
Stock on hand Jan. 1, all hands	19,600	27,630	49,600
Prices Current, Dec. 30, ℔ lb	11c.	10½c.@10¾c.	10c.

Sales—2,500 bags here, in Boston and to arrive at 11c. @11¼c. on spot, and 8c. gold to arrive. Market quiet. Stock in the United States, Jan. 1, 1869, all hands, 19,600 bags; imported from Calcutta from Jan. 1 to date, 36,635 bags; total, 56,235 bags. Stock in the United States, Jan. 1, 1870, viz.: Importers' and speculators' hands, 5,000 bags; manufacturers', (estimated,) 7,000 bags; total, 12,000 bags.

SKINS—Deer have been in demand and firm; sales 4,000 lbs. General American, 2,000 lbs. Mexican, and 1,000 lbs. Para; sold in Boston, to come here, 21,000 lbs. Honduras on private terms. Goatskins are quiet at from 22c.@24c. Sheepskins are quiet at sales from Vera Cruz, 12c.@24c.; Bombay, 12c.@24c.; Para, 20c.@24c.; Honduras, at 22c.@24c.; Bolivar, 21c.; Sisal, 23c.@24c.; Vera Cruz, 23c.@24c.; Laguyra, 22c.@24c.; Porto Cabello, 23c.@24c.; Para, 27c.@30c., gold. ℔ lb.; Southern and Texas, 22c.@23c., currency. ℔ lb. Goat have been quiet but quoted steady. The receipts have been large, embracing 325 bales Curaccoa, 50 do. Trinidad, 127 do. Vera Cruz, 27 do. Buenos Ayres, 9 do. Rio Janeiro, 12 do. from Honduras, and 18 do. from Corpus Christi. Sales of 800 bales Para, and 40 do. Mexican. We quote: Tampico Goat at 23c.@24c.; Matamoras, 23c.@25c.; Vera Cruz, 20c.@ 23½c., gold, ℔ lb.; Buenos Ayres, 24c.@25c.; Para, 25c.@27½c.; Curaccoa, 27c.@29c.; Cape, 29c.@30c.; Madras, cash, 70c.@71¼c.; Patna, cash, 60c.@62c., currency, ℔ lb.

SUGARS—A very limited trade has been reported since our last, at nominally unchanged prices. Sales have been reported since our last of 150 bbls. Cuba, Porto Rico and Demerara, part at 10¾c.@11¾c.; 42 boxes Havana at 10¾c.@11c. ℔ lb. We quote: Fair to good refining grades of Cuba at 10¼c.@10¾c.; fair to good grocery grades at from 11¼c.@11¾c.; very good to choice do. at 11¾c.@12¼c. ℔ lb. Porto Rico grocery grades ranged from 11¼c.@12¾c.; No. 12 Box Sugar, 11¾c.@12c. ℔ lb. Refined Sugars continue in moderate demand, ranging from 13½c.@14¾c., as the extremes, ℔ lb.

TALLOW, &c.—Sales have been reported of 378,000 lbs. Tallow at 9¾c.@10¾c., the latter for strictly Prime; also 30,000 lbs. Stearine at 15c.@16½c., and 27,000 lbs. Grease at 9c.@12c. ℔ lb.

WHISKY—Has been in good demand and buoyant in prices. Sales have been reported of 630 bbls., in lots, at 99c.@$1 01, chiefly at $1 ℔ gallon. The receipts have been 988 bbls.

FREIGHTS—Have been more active at generally about steady rates. For Liverpool there were taken 1,350 bales Cotton, 6,000 b

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Amusements this Evening.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Waller, Hamilton, Miss Blanche De Bar, and Miss Fanny Morant.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. Leading characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Gilbert, Miss Henriques and Miss Mestayer.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
LITTLE EM'LY. Leading characters by Messrs. Shewell, Bangs, Miss Ione Burke and Miss Kate Newton.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near Broadway.
THE BUSYBODY. Leading characters by Messrs. Lewis, Clarke, Davidge, and Miss Ethel and Miss Davenport.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
8th-av., corner 23d-st.
CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH and PLUTO. SONGS by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paul.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
THE WRITING ON THE WALL. Leading characters by Messrs. Geo. L. Fox and Studley, and Mrs. Longmore and Mrs. Vernon.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
HERO THE SAVAGE, COBBLER AND TAILOR.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A Madrid dispatch contains a rumor that SERRANO will be invested with sovereign power, but the Cortes hesitates to take the step. The London *Times* deplores the downfall of PRIM, and attributes it to the prolonged duration of the Provisional Government.... The Portuguese Cortes met yesterday and the King in his speech congratulated the body on the peace which reigns at home and abroad, and promised reforms....An expedition to recover 50,000,000 francs in treasure, lost on the coast of Spain, is in preparation in Paris....The French Emperor was desirous of retaining Baron HAUSSMANN as Prefect of the Seine, but it was opposed in the Council.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Senate, on the reading of the Journal, took up the resolution relating to the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and after debate passed it by a vote of yeas 16, nays 13. Notice was given of a bill to amend the New-York and Long Island Bridge act, and one to amend the "Conspiracy act." The Senate agreed to adjourn to-day to Tuesday next, and then adjourned.

In the Assembly Mr. JACOBS, from the Committee on Rules, reported rules increasing standing committees from seven to nine members each, and others from five to seven, and the Sub-Committee of the Whole to sixteen; also, restricting the clerical force of leading committees to one clerk, which would reduce the number hitherto employed from thirty-four to twelve; also, restricting the pages employed to twenty, all of which were agreed to. Among the measures introduced were bills to repeal the "Conspiracy act," the Excise law, to amend the Metropolitan Police law, and compel gas companies to report annually to the Comptroller. In the afternoon the concurrent resolution of the Senate to repeal the resolution of last session, by which the Fifteenth Amendment was adopted, was received. After debate the resolution was adopted by a vote of 69 to 56. The House concurred in the Senate resolution to adjourn from to-day to next Tuesday, and then adjourned.

GENERAL.

Hon. WILLIAM L. GOGGIN, an ex-Member of Congress from Virginia, and Whig candidate for Governor of Virginia in 1859, died on Tuesday at Richmond.

Lieutenant E. P. COLBY, of the army, committed suicide on the 31st ult., by shooting himself through the head at Jefferson, Texas.

Commodore JOHN H. GREEN has been ordered to be ready to command the Eastern Squadron of the North Atlantic Fleet, now under Admiral POOR.

The General Court of Massachusetts convened yesterday. HORACE H. COOLIDGE, of Suffolk, was chosen President of the Senate, and HARVEY JEWELL was reëlected Speaker of the House.

The organization of the Pennsylvania Senate was completed on Tuesday afternoon by the election of CHARLES H. STINSON, Speaker, and GEORGE HAMMERSLY, Chief Clerk. The Governor's Message was sent in yesterday. The Avondale calamity is referred to, and a law is recommended to enforce stringent regulations to prevent the recurrence of the terrible disaster. The movement for free steel and iron is deprecated and recognition of Cuba advocated.

The Legislature of Maryland met at Annapolis yesterday morning. The Senate adjourned without organizing. F. C. LATROBE, of Baltimore, was chosen Speaker of the House.

The argument before Judges BADGLEY and MONCK, of the Superior Court at Montreal, in the Caldwell extradition case, was concluded yesterday, and decision will be given on Friday.

The Maine Legislature organized yesterday at Augusta, by the election of Hon. WILLIAM W. BOLSTER (Republican) President of the Senate, and Hon. REUBENS FOSTER (Republican) Speaker of the House.

A son of President LOPEZ, of Paraguay, it is said, has arrived in Washington.

The New-Hampshire Democratic State Convention met yesterday at Concord and nominated General JOHN BEDEL, of Bath, for Governor, and General M. T. DONAHOE for Railroad Commissioner. The resolutions, among other things, declare that all bonds and securities should be taxed, and that all debts, not otherwise specified, should be paid in currency. A eulogist of the late President PIERCE was silenced by stamping and other noises.

The Colorado Legislature met on Monday at Denver, and organized by electing GEORGE A. HILLSDALE President of the Senate and GEO. W. MILLER Speaker of the House. The Governor in his Message recommends female suffrage and the election of the Governor and other Territorial officers by the people.

Mr. JEFFERSON has filed a bill in the United States Court, in Chicago, against C. D. HESS and U. H. CROSBY, of the Opera House in that city, alleging the unauthorized production by them of Mr. JEFFERSON'S play of "Rip Van Winkle."

The Boston ship *Robin Hood*, Captain TAYLOR, was burned and sunk, Sept. 4, at Baker's Island, one of the guano islands of the Pacific. The *Robin Hood* was 920 tons register, built at Medford, Mass., in 1854, and was owned by HOWES & CROWELL, of Boston.

The proprietors of a large distillery in Huron County, Ohio, and the Government storekeeper on duty there, have been arrested on accusations of numerous frauds upon the revenue.

The State Agricultural Convention, of Ohio, is in session at Columbus, Ohio.

In the case against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, in Washington, for maintaining a low level at a street crossing the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all the counts except that as to obstruction of travel.

Mail coach robberies in Colorado are becoming alarmingly frequent. A mail coach was stopped on Tuesday last between Denver and Cheyenne City by a party of armed men who rifled the mail bags. This is the second successful raid by the robbers since Christmas, and it is supposed that there exists an organized band of thieves on this route.

LOCAL.

Yesterday a voluminous report on street cleaning was handed in to the Commissioners by Contractor BROWN. He claimed that he has faithfully performed his contract, but that in order to keep the City perfectly clean more work must be done and more money paid for it. The total expense, he thinks, would be about $1,000,000.

A man named DAVID H. SMYTH was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in State Prison by Judge BEDFORD, in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, for fleecing a French Canadian out of $50.

The First Vespers of the Epiphany were sung at St. Alban's Church, Forty-seventh-street, near Lexington-avenue, last evening. This morning, for "The Feast of the Epiphany," there will be a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. HYATT SMITH delivered a temperance lecture last evening to a numerous audience at the Howard Mission House, in New Bowery.

The Working of the Ballot—An Inquiry Answered.

Mr. DAVID WATSON, a Scotch gentleman, has sent out a circular to this country, accompanied by a commendatory letter from Mr. JOHN STUART MILL, making a number of inquiries about the working of the ballot in the United States. Mr. WATSON and his friends, including Mr. MILL, are opposed to its introduction into England, but are nevertheless desirous of more light on the subject, and desire to derive a part of it at least from our experience. They are apparently under the impression that there is a difference of opinion on the subject among us, and that there are persons here who think something would be gained by open voting. If so, they may rest satisfied they are mistaken. There is nobody here who thinks of any other mode than the ballot of taking the popular verdict about men or measures any more than English clubs think of open voting on the application of candidates for admission. The ballot is accepted by all parties and sects, "advanced" or retrograde, wise or foolish, as one of the ultimate facts of our system, and this for various reasons, the principal of which are, that it is the quickest and most convenient mode of collecting the suffrages of large constituencies; that it is certainly the system under which voters are most effectually protected against intimidation, and bribers rendered least certain of getting the value of their money. Moreover, it is a well-settled principle in American politics—whether a wise one or not, is another question—that the way a man votes is nobody's business but his own; that the community has a right to satisfy itself as to the validity of his claim to the franchise, but that here its jurisdiction ends. It has no right to institute any inquiry into his motives, or exercise any surveillance over him by way of strengthening his moral feeling.

At the same time it would give a very false impression of the state of things among us, to say that the ballot is a perfect means of securing secresy. We doubt if one person in a thousand values it mainly as a means of concealing the way he votes. The political opinions of nearly everybody who has any, are well known to all his neighbors. Indeed, it would take an entire change in American life and manners for a man who voted to keep so close about his political leanings as to leave his friends in ignorance which side he stood by on election day. What, with talking politics at home, at the post office and grocery, or the workshop, and attending political meetings and debates, there are few men in America whose political opinions are not as familiar to those who care anything about them, as the color of their hair or beard. No official has any right to inspect his vote, but then there is nothing to prevent the voter from proclaiming it as he goes to the polls.

But then there is one thing of which we would warn our English friends, and that is that what keeps up party discipline here is not intimidation, but the hopelessness which nearly every person feels about being able to do anything outside the great party lines. Nobody who votes likes to feel that he is throwing his vote away. There are few or no "irreconcilables" in American politics—few men who use their vote simply as a means of "testifying" against some enormity. The temperance movement supplies a small body of them in one State or other every year; but then they are hardly worth mention as a sect. The practical view of political, as of most other things, is so powerful that nearly everybody who votes wants to make his vote tell, and this he knows he cannot do outside the two great parties of the day. The power of the party organization, too, is increased by the multiplicity of elections. Multiplicity of candidates, representing various shades of opinion, and offering themselves to the electors on their own motion, as in France and England, are possible where elections occur every six or seven years only, and where there is nobody to elect but members of the Legislature. Electioneering there is a comparatively simple matter, which everybody can understand. The voter can examine the candidates' claims and professions for himself, and decide for himself how he will vote without stopping to consult a party agent at the polls. But as soon as all offices, or even a great number of offices are made elective as with us; and terms of office are so short that elections recur very frequently, and with a large number of candidates of whom he knows nothing, and with the best wish in the world can learn very little, the caucus and the "managers" have to be introduced into the elective machinery, and the voter has to fall into the ranks, keep step and obey orders. The ticket contains a great many names, which have to be written with perfect accuracy, and various offices have to be filled, which must be correctly described on the ticket, in order to enable it to be counted, and this, of course, makes the voter very dependent on the party managers, and, in so far as he is dependent on them, secresy becomes difficult.

However, we think that whatever the merits or demerits of the ballot may be, the English reformers may rely on it that great popular constituencies as those of England now are, will not submit very long to the present mode of *viva voce* voting. The ballot is an essential feature of democratic government; open voting is the system of freeholders. They are far less likely to submit to it in a country where class divisions are still so deep, and the influence of landlords or employers still so great. All attempts to persuade them into doing so on the ground of its affording a guarantee of purity and public spirit, are, as it seems to us, likely to prove futile, in the presence of the exposures now every day made of the shocking corruption of English constituencies. Nothing like it is known here. We have our corruption, too, but it is amongst legislators who vote openly, and not amongst the masses who vote in secret.

Speaker Hitchman's "War"—The Programme of the Tammany Ring.

Regarded simply in itself, the late belligerent demonstration of the Hon. WM. HITCHMAN of New-York, Speaker of the Assembly, is not, perhaps, entitled to grave consideration. That sublimely spotless body, the Tammany Ring, gave utterance to its pure and patriotic indignation against "Congress," much to the same effect already two months ago. Mr. PETER B. SWEENY was the mouthpiece of this saintly Augur on that occasion; Mr. HITCHMAN, the Tammany Speaker, is its chosen vehicle now. We regret that, as our Albany correspondent has said—

> "The idea of the Clerk of the Board of Education of the City of New-York, arraigning Congress in a half-column speech, and winding up by a challenge to the United States Government to execute the laws in the State of New-York 'if it dare,' was regarded by most of those who heard it as the very highest achievement in the line of the ridiculous."

But, on the other hand, the simultaneous utterance of the same cry from three sources, on the same day, forbids us to pass it over as an ordinary effusion of rhetoric.

While the newly-elected Speaker of the Assembly charges that "Congress has become omnipotent," and that "a war by the Government against all the States has been inaugurated," the leader of the Senate, Mr. TWEED, brings in a bill to rescind and annul the last Legislature's ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment. And, simultaneously, Governor HOFFMAN, in his Message, "protests against the revolutionary course of Congress" in divers and sundry particulars which are set forth with abundant vehemence. Thus, from three sources, its Governor, its Senate and its Assembly, our State is apparently made to assume a hostile attitude to the Government, precisely as, through the same agency, she was apparently made to assume that position at one time during the war. Speaker HITCHMAN caps the climax of absurdity by closing his address with the terrible menace, "Let New-York," when the roll of States is called, announce that she does not consent to the amendment, and let Congress count her as consenting *if it dare*."

In this terrible emergency it is some consolation to know that these triple menaces, though diverse in expression, are one in origin. As "Orator Puff" had three tones to his voice, so Tammany has, in this matter, three pipes to its organ, which last is nevertheless supplied by one bellows, and plays the same tune. Mr. HITCHMAN is charged with executing the spirited trumpet-tone of "war;" Mr. TWEED is instructed with the practical stop of the annulling resolution; Governor HOFFMAN sounds the deep note of dignified and solemn remonstrance. But it is all one tune, namely, Tammany, and the curious question comes up, why that immaculate body thus opens the legislative ball by a movement against Congress, and what it expects to make thereby.

Now, regarded as a political amusement, this anti-Congressional crusade is not harmful, except in a very general way. Mr. HITCHMAN'S tirade against Congress for "devoting itself to systematic usurpation, by which the constitutional character of our Government is to be utterly subverted," has not even the merit of novelty, as there was plenty of the same talk down South some years ago. His fear of "the same tyranny as that threatened from the usurpation of a monarchy" is mere clap-trap. And as to the talk of "Congress conspiring to grasp and control" power, so as to "perpetuate themselves in authority and set the people at defiance,"—this is but the distempered fancy of one familiar with Tammany proceedings. Though what should virtuous Tammany know about "grasping authority" and "regulating elections," or "setting the people at defiance?" As to the words of Governor HOFFMAN and the actions of Mr. TWEED, they are really quite as harmless as those of the more fervid HITCHMAN. If Tammany desires that New-York should put herself in the position of trying to stultify herself by passing Mr. TWEED'S resolution, very likely this can be accomplished—and there the matter will end.

But the question reverts, At what specially is the Ring aiming? It is quite possible that it is aiming not only at amusement but at diversion—at a diversion of public attention from the more practical matters it has in hand. Under the great hue-and-cry of "opposition to the usurpations of Congress," it can go quietly at work at its own schemes for taking care of the "dear people." The desire is a familiar one, and there is never so much danger to people's pockets as when a great noise is made regarding objects at a distance, and to which the unsuspicious citizen's attention is adroitly directed. We confess that it is with much misgiving that we have seen this great outcry—not misgiving as to Congress, or as to the country, nor as to the serenity of Tammany, but as to the pockets of our own taxpayers. And we shall be only too well pleased if this opening rhetorical blast shall blow over and do as little harm to the State as it will obviously do to Congress.

What Constitutional Government Has Done for Austria.

The Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH was quite justified in boasting in his speech to the Reichsrath of the "progressive development" which has been the great characteristic of recent Austrian history. Under the influence of enlightened statesmanship, the troubles which prevented the growth and expansion of the best interests of the country, are fast disappearing. The nearer Austria brings herself to freedom the more prosperous she becomes. The lesson of the war with Prussia proved to be the last that was needed to bring Austria to a true appreciation of her weakness and her strength. Prostrated to the dust by that contest, she rose to profit by her calamities. She resolved to recruit her strength by bringing into harmony the various peoples who are brought together under her rule. From being the model despotism of the world, she is passing to the front rank of constitutional nations. No doubt much remains to be accomplished; but it is wonderful how far she has already traveled on the road, considering the accumulated prejudices against which she had to make her way.

The Emperor reminded the Reichsrath that in the constitutional reforms which are now in contemplation, and to which he is not opposed, it is necessary to remember that the welfare of the whole Empire must be studied before the conflicting interests of different localities—or rather, that the latter could not flourish unless the Empire generally was in a healthy condition. In this view all impartial outside observers coincide with the Emperor. A strong Austria, as one of those observers has remarked, is the best guarantee now for the good government of the various countries embraced within it. The Government has undoubtedly evinced a strong disposition to adopt a liberal policy in reference to each nationality, and although the fires of discontent still smoulder here and there, it is quite clear that the people as a whole are far better off than they have been for many years past. The Slavonic element in Dalmatia is, for instance, one of the most stubborn with which the Government has to deal, but recent letters inform us that even this is gradually yielding to gentle influences.

The Emperor made no allusion to the subject of finance in his address, but it may fairly be said that the country is much further removed from that oft-predicted "bankruptcy" than it was a year ago. Whatever difficulties may be before it now, they are unimportant in comparison with those which Baron BEUST first encountered. The spectacle of Austria emerging from the gloom and poverty which so long marked her history, even before she has espoused the advanced principles of freedom found in strictly constitutional countries, is no slight example of the blessings which liberty carries with it.

The Strike of the Telegraphers.

When the Western Union Telegraph operators attempt by a strike to obstruct even temporarily the business of the whole country, they should, at least, take care to be provided with a real grievance. Otherwise the public, which generally forms a pretty accurate judgment upon such matters, will not extend to them its sympathy, nor deem their action justified. The case as between the telegraphers and the Company stands at present thus: The Protective League of the former say that the Company reduced the salaries of certain operators at San Francisco, and that those who refused to submit to the reduction were discharged. And they require that the discharged men be reinstated at their old salaries, and that no reduction take place in any cases. This statement is clear and simple enough, but unfortunately, for the credit of the strikers, it rests on no basis of truth. General PALMER, the Secretary of the Company, distinctly disavows any knowledge of an intention to lower salaries, on his own part or that of Mr. MUMFORD, the Agent at San Francisco. This latter gentleman, on being questioned by General PALMER, is as explicit. He says, in words susceptible of no misinterpretation, "I have reduced no salaries," and he adds that he has had "no intention of doing so." Two men were discharged for two reasons—they "were trying to make disturbance," and the force was unnecessarily large. And "the plea of a general reduction is without the slightest foundation as a matter of fact."

The League, in reply to these denials, simply express their disbelief of them, and reiterate the demand for restoration of the San Francisco discharged operators. But, in addition to this, they announce that various of their members at different points "have already suspended work," and it is demanded that these latter be reinstated in their former positions, the time lost by the strike being deducted from their month's pay. And on being refused these conditions, and assured that they had been imposed upon by some of the brethren in San Francisco, they declare the strike general.

This, without a word of exaggeration, is the whole story. There is but one inference possible to be drawn from it. The strike was evidently resolved upon by a few leaders, pretext or no pretext. A complaint that two men, who are not named, but who, we presume, will be, were dispensed with for what, as any person in his senses will agree, their employer had a right to consider good cause, is all the capital of fact the leaders had to work upon. It sufficed for their purpose. But are not the great body of the telegraphers thereby placed in a false position? They are lending themselves to a transaction which their better judgment can never approve. The only result must inevitably be injury to themselves, if they persist in a course which is no less than folly. Had the cause for a strike really existed, they might have claimed the public sympathy; no cause exists, however, and they simply are made to appear as a body of intelligent and respectable persons who are hoodwinked by false friends working in secret for their own private aims.

Shall the Authors of the Brooklyn Election Frauds be Punished?

In the effort which District-Attorney MORRIS is now making to preserve the purity of elections and to bring the conspirators against the ballot box to trial and conviction, he should receive the earnest and cordial support of all good citizens. Few public officials of the present day have the courage to attack so powerful a combination as the Democratic Ring of Kings County. This Ring has had for years the absolute control of the political machinery which governs Brooklyn. Its patronage is immense, and the number of men who are dependent on its favor for a living and for the opportunity to make fortunes, may be counted by thousands. When we consider that in population Brooklyn is the third city in the Union, that the Ring has complete control over every one of its numberless jobs; that it levies, collects and expends its millions of taxes; that it opens, paves, repairs and cleans its hundreds of miles of streets, and disburses, or pretends to disburse, $550,000 annually among the poor of the city, a considerable proportion of which, however, is believed to be distributed among Democratic voters and politicians who would feel insulted if called paupers;—it is easily understood how it is that the shrewd men who constitute the leaders of this Ring are able to command so numerous a following, largely composed of the very worst elements to be found in a great city. The City Government of Brooklyn, like that of New-York, is conducted strictly on a financial basis. The different Rings which seek to control it are simply commercial adventures. And the only question of local government is which Ring shall have the different jobs, and how much money over and above the actual cost of the work shall be extorted from the people.

The real governors of Brooklyn are its contractors. For years a majority of the delegations in the Assembly have been owned by them, and the Senators have found it always difficult, and frequently impossible, to resist their influence. Whatever job needed legislative sanction or authority received it. Any bill in the contractors' interest was put through, regardless of expense. Rumor fixes the amount paid by them for a single bill last Winter at $80,000.

Of course one result of the contractors' government has been an increase of taxation. Year by year the people of Brooklyn have seen their taxes increase at a rate which has few parallels. The discussion which resulted from the act of the Assessors increasing the assessed valuation of the real estate of Kings County twenty-five per cent. produced a profound sensation on the public mind of Brooklyn. Taxpayers were everywhere alarmed at the frightful proportions which taxation had assumed, and the conviction became general that the only remedy was to expel the Ring from power. The members of the Ring saw the danger and determined to avert it. They resolved to take absolute control of the ballot boxes, and to exclude their opponents from all participation in the reception and counting of the votes. None but their trusted tools were appointed inspectors or canvassers of election. But the scheme was not well organized, and some one blundered. They counted in most of the candidates; but, through a miscalculation failed to count in CUNNINGHAM. This oversight they attempted to supply by forgery. Various returns were taken and altered. The forgery was detected, and, through the energy and boldness of District-Attorney MORRIS, the whole scheme is likely to be exposed and its authors, as well as its tools, brought to justice. In this effort he stands alone, fighting single-handed the entire Democratic Ring. The leaders understand the desperate character of the struggle and act accordingly. At one time it seemed that the party would divide on this question, the better, if not the larger portion, under the lead of the Democratic organ—the Brooklyn *Eagle* supporting MORRIS. But as soon as the *Eagle* pronounced against the Ring the latter purchased the Brooklyn *Union* and threatened Mr. VAN ANDEN, the proprietor of the *Eagle*, with an opposition Democratic paper. Mr. VAN ANDEN did not feel called upon to risk so great a property in such a contest, and offered to sell the *Eagle*, also, to the Ring for the sum of $300,000. The offer was promptly accepted, and thus the Ring captured and silenced the Democratic organ.

Some Democrats who have heretofore supported MORRIS now waver, but, nothing daunted, he fights on. He knows the power of a judicial exposure of crime, and of convictions and sentences in criminal Courts. The friends of good government in Brooklyn know that their District-Attorney is engaged in a great contest for the purity of the ballot box and for honest and economical government. He is struggling against those who would silence the voice of the people, that they may continue to increase taxation. Over and above the many millions of taxes which have been paid them during the past year, they have increased the public debt of the City upwards of six millions of dollars, and they are likely to increase it an equal amount during the year to come. The Brooklyn people owe it to Mr. MORRIS, and to the friends of honest elections everywhere, to support him in his efforts to break the power of this Ring, and to give back the government of the City into the hands of the people.

It is really too soon to cry out against the pneumatic people who have undertaken to make a tunnel under Broadway, if they have only got so far as the middle of the street already. It is a remarkably slow rate of speed, seeing that they began work so many months ago at the sidewalk or under it. If matters proceed at this deliberate pace, we shall probably have our great Brooklyn bridge, our new Post Office, and our elevated railway in good working order long before the tunnel shall have come within its two hundred feet of Cedar-street. For the rest, we think the promoters of it should have taken the public a little more into their confidence and given them some cheerful, occasional glimpses of the work. People now think there must be some mischief in all the mystery, and are half afraid to walk Broadway lest they should meet the fate of Corah, Dathan and Abiram without warning.

The decline of trade at the Port of Buffalo attracts attention from time to time, and has lately given rise to the publication of some statistics on the subject. Between 1859 and 1862 the trade constantly increased, but in 1863 a turn of fortune was experienced, and the decline has been steady ever since. A contemporary is disposed to attribute this falling off by the partial diversion of the lake trade to Cleveland and Erie. The competition of the great railway lines is another manifest cause of the decay in the lake trade. Under these circumstances, the projected efforts to build up once more the prosperity of the canal traffic are invested with an unusual degree of importance. There is great necessity for immediate action on the part of the people of Buffalo, or they may find that it is too late to recover their old position in the State.

A warning against amateur theatrical speculations is contained in an account of a melancholy death given in a Louisville contemporary. A young man named J. S. FLEMING, a resident of Louisville, took it into his head that if he could organize a dramatic company it would prove a short cut to fortune. He soon gathered the company together—but the fortune was not so easily secured. He started on a tour through Indiana, and everywhere failure stared him in the face. At last the troupe deserted him, and small blame to them considering that they had never been paid. Thus ruined and disappointed, Mr. J. S. FLEMING went on a ferry-boat, wrote a note explaining his circumstances, and jumped into the Ohio River—another victim to the old delusion that steady, hard work, does not pay, and that rushing into hair-brained speculations *does*.

The Superintendent of Street Cleaning naively informs Mr. JOHN L. BROWN, the contractor, that "in consequence of misunderstanding, the great mass of the people are impressed with the belief that the contractor is little better than a swindler." May be so. What the people do *not* understand is this—that the present contractor, who is experienced in the business of street cleaning, bought Judge WHITING'S contract in May last, and did not make the purchase with his eyes shut. He was stated to have given $200,000 for the transfer. At all events, then, there was, in the opinion of Mr. WHITING, and, of course, Mr. BROWN also, at least *that* amount of profit attached to the work. The contract specified certain work to be done and the price to be paid for it. The new contractor accepted the price and undertook to fulfill the conditions imposed. The impression, or, as the Superintendent puts it, the "belief," is that the conditions have *not* been fulfilled. Now the City is asked to give double the money—a million instead of half that sum, and then it shall be kept clean. Probably the money will be given, and probably it will be used as before, and in no other way.

At a recent trial in England before Justice WILLES, in which a policeman was spoken of by one of the witnesses as a "copper," a discussion arose as to the meaning and derivation of the term. The Judge closed the discussion by saying that "it was undoubtedly derived from the word *capio*, I take." If the Judge had known of the case of the two policemen who were sent to State Prison the other day, by our Court of Sessions, for "taking purses," he would doubtless have cited it as a strong confirmation of his etymology. It would have found still stronger confirmation in Judge DOWLING'S remark, a day or two since, on sending a female pickpocket for trial. He is reported to have said: "I am certain that the Police of the Fifteenth Precinct cover these women in their pocket-picking, and I also know that they receive a commission on every trick they get through. This accounts for the audacity of the thieves and the increasing number of the victims. The Police are leagued with the thieves." The charge is too sweeping to be exactly just. But it is too specific and too startling to be passed unnoticed by the proper authorities.

We have often advised people to keep fast hold of their presence of mind when a panic occurs in a crowded building. A preacher in the "First Church," Springfield, Mass., gave a good illustration of what we mean last Sunday night. The congregation had assembled for a missionary meeting, in the midst of a violent storm. The wind increased every moment, and at last a tremendous crash was heard. Some thought that the roof was falling, others that the floor was giving way. In the midst of all this a reverend brother was offering prayer. When the alarm took place, he opened his eyes, looked quietly round, and then "resumed his former attitude, and went on with his praying precisely as though nothing had happened." In the presence of a man like that the most timid was ashamed to be seen running away. The coolness of one individual often suffices to check a "scare," even in the largest audience.

It is to be hoped that the resolution of Dec. 7, directing the Postmaster-General to inquire whether the money-order system may not be made available for the payment of army pensions, will not lie in abeyance longer than necessary. The present system involves great hardships, and should be abandoned. The continuation of pension agencies is now unjust to a very high degree. These agencies were perhaps well enough for the purpose of proving the validity of claims, and otherwise helping our disabled soldiers, though even they have been made the occasion of numberless abuses. For the Government to allow them to continue as disbursers of the half-yearly payments, charging a heavy commission for their services, is decidedly superfluous, and in fact cruel. Another reform is loudly called for by the poorer class of pensioners. They desire that the payments be made once a month instead of once every six. Correspondents tell us of cases in which families are, from unavoidable causes, reduced to great misery, while at the same time money is due them from the Government. The hare mention of this fact—the Ladies' Union Relief Association of this City can give ample testimony on the subject also—should be quite sufficient to induce a change. Formerly poor people used, in their sore need, to borrow money on their claim papers, which the claim agents retain to a very great extent. And the loans were made at as high as forty per cent. interest. The sharks who were guilty of this atrocious fraud enjoyed perfect impunity, for a complaint to Washington would insure, through their means, a stoppage of the pension altogether. The new Commissioner, Mr. VAN AERNAM, has put an end to this, however. But still more relief is needed. The soldier, or his widow and orphans, ought to be paid his money something like as often as other people, to whom the nation owes no gratitude, and to get, moreover, the full amount granted him, without any deduction or shave whatever.

The correspondent of a Chicago paper gives an account of various swindling schemes which are concocted in Colorado, from which we should judge that the Territory in question is almost as well supplied with rogues as New-York. To begin with, there are about half a dozen schemes for inducing people to become shareholders in mines, and afterwards plundering them. The "Ring" which gets up the speculation manages to defraud the shareholders whether the mine proves a success or a failure. If ore is found, frequent assessments are made until the innocent shareholder becomes disgusted, and sells out at any price. If the vein is barren, the original promoters sell out before the truth is discovered. Here is another neat little operation: a few individuals managed to secure a charter for the formation of a gas company in Denver. Among other clauses there is one which gives the said company the exclusive privilege of supplying gas to the town for fifty years to come, at a rate not to exceed five dollars per thousand feet. Various other inventions for victimizing the public are being tried. Who shall say that Colorado is not making progress?

Our readers will remember the reference we recently made to the proposition of a correspondent of the Chicago *Bureau*, to establish a system of meteorological observatories, with a view to the notification of the approach and force of storms. The same correspondent (Professor LAPHAM) now urges the importance of this project in a convincing communication. In connection with his letter is published a map which shows clearly the origin and progress of the great storm of March 14-17, 1859, and demonstrates to any observer that it might have been known on the lakes a whole day before it reached them. The question is, whether as a matter of commercial economy and security,—to say nothing of scientific inquiry on the one hand, and humanity in the saving of life on the other—we ought not to establish the kind of observatories called for by the *Bureau*. During the single storm of the 16th and 19th November seventy lives were lost on the lakes, besides thirty-seven vessels of various tonnage, making a total of 10,942 tons of shipping, valued at nearly half a million dollars. Sixty-two other vessels of various classes were lost in the same storm. Adding the values of cargoes lost or damaged, we have a total loss of at least two millions of dollars. It is at least clear, as the *Bureau* says, that five per cent. of this might have been saved by timely notice. And what is true of this single storm must be multiplied by all the storms of a year.

It will be too bad if we should have to fight for our holding in Samana, after having paid for it. Yet we are threatened with something of this nature by the "Appeal," which we printed yesterday. The writer of it affects to think our people will supplant and exterminate the San Domingo laborers; whereas they will only increase the area and resources of labor on the island ten fold, greatly to the benefit of the Spanish population, as well as all others concerned. Instead of being thurst aside and walked over, the islanders will have more opportunities of profitable work than they ever had in their lives before. It is not such a terrible prospect for them after all, and Uncle Sam is neither a Genghis Khan or a Tamerlane.

We believe there is a certain optical rule, whereby, under given conditions, objects can be best viewed by directing the instrument not point-blank upon the centre but a little to one side. Some such view as this appears to be the one suggested by the Detroit *Post* to members of Congress regarding their action on the franking privilege. That paper, like most of us, is anxious that Congressmen should see themselves as others see them, in this franking business. But, after holding up the mirror, the *Post* rather bluntly asks Congress not to look at itself, but at another body close by, the New-York Common Council! It coolly says:

> "They read of the members of the New-York Common Council voting themselves thousands and tens of thousands of dollars, and wonder how long the people of that City will endure the scandal and the theft. Yet in kind, and in reference to the degree of superiority of character which our Congressmen claim over that of the New-York Aldermen, is the retention of the franking privilege by those who insist upon its privileges, equally scandalous and equally shameful."

This is an unkind cut at somebody—in fact, at everybody. We feel sure that the comparison will enrage the Congressmen, and still more enrage the Councilmen—and with great reason in both cases. However, we will, with the *Post* commend this phase of the subject to all high minded and honest Senators and Representatives.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

"HAMLET" AT BOOTH'S THEATRE.

"Hamlet" was acted last night at Booth's Theatre to an audience uncomfortably crowded as regards numbers, and probably as excellent as New-York can exhibit in point of intelligence. The play was elaborately and sumptuously placed upon the stage, and the costumes and decorations showed attempts at accuracy rarely seen in any theatre. Perhaps these details in some instances evinced more originality than demonstrable correctness; but in either case the labor and expense bestowed deserve ample acknowledgment. The scenery was admirable and uncommonly realistic. We scarcely remember a "set" in any theatre in either the Old World or the New surpassing that of the third act. The spectators were manifestly greatly pleased, although their satisfaction was rather indicated by fixed attention than by tumultuous applause. Exceptions to this must be noted at the end of each of the acts when Mr. BOOTH was summoned before the curtain. The performance in many substantial respects was highly successful, and this applies to some of its innovations as well as to its adherence to tradition. Our observations on the acting of the tragedy are reserved until to-morrow.

Correction.

We are requested by the relatives of Mr. JAMES B. PELL to say that he committed suicide while in a fit of temporary aberration of mind, caused by grief for the loss of his only brother, who died some time since, and that he had not been dissipating. Coroner ROLLINS held an inquest in the case yesterday, and the verdict was in accordance with this statement. Mr. PELL had been in ill health for some time. He was beloved and respected for his genial and manly qualities by all who knew him well.

CUBA.

ARRIVAL OF THE HAVANA STEAMSHIP COLUMBIA.

The steamship *Columbia*, which left Havana on Jan. 1, reached this port yesterday. The purser is once more entitled to our thanks for the prompt delivery of our letters and papers.

Carlist Plans—The Military Situation—Island Parties—The Casino Espanol—Who Rules Cuba—Advice to Prim—War News and Miscellaneous Intelligence.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1869.

There is every reason to believe that the climax of the revolution is fast approaching and that the fate of the island and its future destiny will not be solved by arms but by diplomacy. When some weeks ago I informed you that the Carlists were at work here and gaining proselytes in addition to the immense number they reckon already in their ranks, the generality of the people smiled at the assertion, simply because their information and the means of acquiring it did not extend beyond the confines of their home or the columns of the *Diario*. Perhaps they do not know that such influential Spaniards as DURANONA, ZULINTA, CARRERAS, PADRO, MORET and many others have always been members of the Carlist party. The people in Europe are better informed, and the Bourbon party, or rather that of ex-Queen ISABELLA, has become alarmed, and, in order to increase their effectiveness, they have sent the ex-Governor of Havana, GUITERREZ DE LA VEGA, as a Commissioner. This gentleman has already begun sounding and finds that he has to contend with the Casino Español, which will not listen to VEGA, whilst such men as the above mentioned control its acts, and may at any time pronounce in favor of Don CARLOS—that is, whenever a revolution breaks out in Spain. The Captain-General and nearly all the employes belong to the so-called *progressistas*, or Union Liberals, involved in the September revolution and acting in concert with SERRANO and PRIM. It is asserted that, within the next two months, RODAS will be elevated to a Dukedom and be hereditary Grandee of Spain of the first class. All the military leaders, who belong to this party and were sent from Spain to this island, whence all had to return in disgrace, have received favors and a higher rank in the service—such as BUCETA, PELAEZ, LESCA and others. VALMASEDA, who is a strong partisan of the ex-Queen, and who has done more work than the rest of the Generals, remains as he was, and, if his stubbornness had not compelled him to remain at Bayamo and defend himself at all hazards, there is very little doubt but what the actual Government would have been rather pleased to see him defeated than otherwise.

But there is still another and more important question to be discussed behind the scenes—the early cession of the island to the United States. There is hardly any doubt that the actual Government in Spain is in treaty with the insurgents and the American Government. To mention this fact openly would be the signal of their downfall, and the immediate entrance of Prince ALFONSO as future King of the Spaniards, with CERSUNDI as Regent during his minority. There is only the diplomatic way to arrange and finish the Cuban question; mere feats of arms will not do it, and although the war bulletins give almost daily accounts of skirmishes and engagements, the end of the rebellion is as far removed as it was a year ago. Over 34,000 men have arrived from Spain since the beginning of the revolution. Many Spaniards and Cubans have died since then, but I cannot see any material change in the situation. Only three months are left the troops before the climate puts an end to military operations, and there is no evidence that the troops can master the revolution in that time. The soldiers are perhaps the best in the world, and their discipline and bravery cannot be surpassed; but they have to fight too many enemies, the most terrible of all being the Medical and Quartermaster's Departments and that inveterate pursuer of Europeans, Yellow Jack. Slight advantages have been gained lately, (given under the caption of war news,) but the seat of Government or rather the headquarters of the insurgents remains at Guaimaro, and the troops have not yet taken Cascoro, Sibanicu, Guaimarillo or Palo Quemado, although all these places are within short distances of the Spanish strongholds, Puerto Principe, Ciega de Arila, Nuevitas and Las Tunas. Naturally, the Spaniards must have work enough within the immediate vicinity of their strongholds, without the necessary elements to extend their field of operations. Time will tell, however, and that shortly; if the Spaniards don't quell the insurrection before the 1st of April, they never will.

REPUBLICANISM.

Speaking about the different parties I omitted the Republican Party, which exists, but dares not acknowledge its existence openly, because the populace considers the Republican Party of Spain and the insurgents in Cuba one and the same thing, although they have but one idea in common, that of improving the people and doing away with old abuses and prejudices.

THE CASINO ESPANOL.

But the strongest party here, and one composed of men belonging to the different parties of Spain, is the association known as the Casino Espanol. It in reality governs the island, and, if any reforms are granted by the Captain-General, the Executive Committee of this Casino has nearly always been consulted previous to the adoption of the measure. It has been known for some time that the Casino sent a lengthy statement to PRIM on the 15th of November last, but until this week the document was not published, the members of the Casino having sworn not to divulge its contents. This document is of paramount interest and importance, as it shows conclusively the aims and objects of the Spaniards in Cuba, their views and ideas. The following are extracts from the letter to PRIM:

* * * "The creation of the Casino Espanol of Havana is the result of the closest union between the Spaniards, it being the centre of all noble sentiments and ideas and that whence every peaceant action departs towards the end we desire. And as the Government cannot alone and by itself determine all reforms or solve other questions, we beg to advise your Excellency of the necessity not to decide upon anything prematurely, in order not to effect the close union which exists here at present. Your Excellency is well aware that this island, owing to its peculiar circumstances, cannot be governed like the peninsula. The Government over which you preside has been too lenient, and we all have deplored this clemency, which may, however, do well in Spain. The Casino also objects strongly to the Cuban Clubs in Spain, and requests that the Government punish the journalists who are writing so freely under the protection of the laws of Spain. We have learned with astonishment that a Spanish journal has spoken about the sale of the island, and are aware that you will not consent to it. If at some future time another Government should be compelled by the misery of the mother country to offer this island for sale, we will state that the Spaniards in Cuba may be conquered, but never sold; Cuba will remain Spanish, or else we will leave it converted into African ashes."

The document then continues to state that notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, the Spaniards are anxious to reform the existing Government, and desire a good administration; it regrets that the events on the island have created the so-called Spanish party, and that the larger majority of native Cubans is with the Spaniards. This is false; not over five per cent. of the Cubans are with the Spaniards, and if the corrupt and stupid aristocracy of wealth or title be deducted from this total, but few native Cubans will be found among the Spaniards, although some of this class are also to be found among the Cubans. The assertion that they will have Cuba converted into African ashes is another proof that the Spaniard born in Spain and the Cuban born in Cuba are about the same, and that their train of ideas and aims runs in the same direction. Incendiarism and cruelty are peculiar properties of the race, and unless the Anglo-Saxon element preponderates to such an extent as to defeat and neutralize its many peculiar characteristics, it would be a matter of general benefit to either leave Spaniards and Cubans altogether alone in the island, or else to take the island and compel them to live according to American laws and ideas. CADADAS' and CESPEDES' incendiary proclamations both find an echo in the assertion of the Casino, all men here know how to destroy; but they need the Anglo-Saxon race to teach them order and how to maintain it.

INCENDIARISM.

The *Gaceta* publishes a lengthy order from RODAS intended to prevent incendiarism and fires. The most important points are:

"Planters will inform the authorities of the number of armed men on their places; all armed persons will require permits from the Captain-General; the owners and overseers on each place are ordered to report to the authorities immediately any disturbance on their places or in the vicinity, or else be liable to be tried as accessories to the crime. The employes on the plantations may detain any traveler who may be found on any plantation without the permission of the owner, and conduct him to the nearest authority; and also such as may be found about the places talking to negroes or Chinese. The roads to the places will be barred during the grinding season, and carrying of matches or smoking in the vicinity of the sugar house is strictly prohibited. Fifteen metres of space must be cleared all around the plantation, and the cutting of cane will begin around the mills and purging houses."

This order, if properly carried out, will prevent the total destruction of any plantation which may be set on fire either purposely or by accident.

WAR NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Engagements in the Cinco Villas are increasing in number, and if the telegrams are correct, the Spaniards have gained some slight advantages, but not a sufficiency to amount to much at present, unless the murdering of men should continue to a great extent, and thus deprive the Cubans of fighting men and abettors. About seventy-five insurgents have been killed during the week, and a hundred and fifty have presented themselves to solicit pardon. To give the same old details of these skirmishes would be uninteresting. The result summed up is, a few Cubans killed, the troops, according to their own story, always victorious, and the insurgents remaining in the field as before. Letters from Trinidad and other points announce, however, that the insurgents have been compelled to abandon their encampments in the immediate vicinity of the cities, their posts being now about two miles from the towns.....A number of insurgents from Puerto Principe are marching towards Sancti Spiritus, and another from Villa Clara in the same direction. It is rumored that CAVADA will place himself at the head of the combined parties to attack some of the Spanish detachments and destroy the plantations in the Valley of San Luis. .....Many plantations in the jurisdictions of Trinidad, Cienfuegos and Villa Clara have begun grinding, and out of the 160 plantations in the jurisdiction of Matanzas 140 are at work. The Governor of Matanzas has issued an order requiring all citizens to deliver up their arms within twenty-four hours; if after the expiration of that time a house is reached and arms are found the owners will be tried by Court Martial.... Mr. PLUMB, ex-United States Consul, returns today to the United States. The merchants signed a letter, thanking him for his conduct while in office.....The Cable Company have made a reduction in their rates to the United States.... The most daring and successful leader of guerrillas in the Spanish army operating near Santiago de Cuba, is Major FRANCIS O'CALLAGHAN, an Irishman, who has been a merchant in Santiago. Several of his relatives have joined the army and the Cubans call him the ferocious Irishman.....New Year's was celebrated last night by a conflagration, supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. QUASIMODO.

Another Cuban Expedition—Departure of the Transport Bedcol—She Carries Ammunition and Arms—Three Cuban Privateers at Sea.

The English brig *Bedcol*, which has been lying at Pier No. 47 North River for some time past, was chartered by the Cuban Junta, it appears, to carry arms, ammunition and men to Cuba. She is a Clyde-built brig of 200 tons burden, and sails well. She came to this port in the first place from England, with an assorted cargo consigned to a prominent firm in New-York. It was discharged and the vessel repaired, after which it was reported that she had changed hands and hereafter would fly the American flag. A cargo was then put on board of her for Nassau, it was said, but in reality for the Cubans. Her destination really is Cuba, on the coast of which at the same place as, and under the convoy of the steamer *Anna*, the privateer whose departure was announced in these columns, her freight is to be discharged and transferred to the fillibusters. It is believed that there are three Cuban privateers at sea to cooperate with and protect the *Bedcol*. The vessel does not go to sea entirely unprepared to do battle for her own safety if need be. She carries a crew of eighty men, two-thirds of whom are Americans, the rest Cubans. On deck, amidships, are two pivot guns, which can be worked if necessary. Her cargo consists of 102 cases of guns, 900 cases of cartridges, 25 cases of miscellaneous ammunition and 340 kegs of powder. Yesterday, at 4 P. M., she went to sea with an American clearance and under the American flag. Everything that could be done to keep the object of her voyage secret was attempted by the Cubans in this City. They are working hard to aid their struggling friends, and their operations are not confined to New-York alone.

The Spanish Gunboats—The Vessels Leave this Morning—Rumors of Mutiny Among the Firemen—Desertion from the First Squadron.

The Spanish flotilla lying off Staten Island were to have departed for Havana yesterday at 2 P M., but their supply of fresh water did not reach them until a late hour in the afternoon. The water boats were brought alongside of the vessels and the work of filling up the tanks was carried on until a late hour last night. At sundown the *Isabel Catolica* hoisted the signal to prepare for sailing at 7 A. M. to-day. It was answered by each vessel of the flotilla and they will probably get under way by that hour.

This flotilla will proceed to Havana, and will not put into any port on the route, if possible, to prevent the desertion of any of the firemen, who have, as already stated, received their advance wages. Some of the men of the first squadron that left this port did desert. The vessels put into Charleston, where a number of the Americans got leave to go ashore. Having received their due bills before leaving, which, a week having elapsed since their departure from New-York, were cashed, the men thought it was a good chance to make a short and remunerative trip. Some of them returned to New-York, and applied for positions on board of this section of the fleet. They were recognized by Mr. PENTZ and rejected. Nothing was done to punish the deserters.

Rumors of mutiny on board the gunboats were circulated on Tuesday, but the truth is that no such thing occurred. It appears that two of the assistant engineers on gunboat No. 24 wanted to come ashore for the purpose of signing their contracts with the Spaniards and to obtain their due bills. They were refused permission by the officer commanding the vessel, who, not understanding English, thought that the men had already received their money, and only wanted an opportunity to desert. In consequence of some display of impatience on their part, the officer put them under arrest, from which they were released at the solicitation of Mr. RICHARDS, of the Delamater Iron Works. The men were afterwards discharged and others shipped in their places. The men, however, were not unwilling to go in the fleet, and applied for transfers to other gunboats. The Spaniards refused to take them at all.

Lecture on Temperance by Rev. J. Hyatt Smith.

An interesting lecture was delivered last evening by Rev. Mr. SMITH at the Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers, in New-Bowery, on the subject of temperance. The lecturer commenced by saying that if it were known in the City of New-York at that moment that a tyrant had set up his throne here, ruling with omnipotent power, cruelly taking away all the property of the working classes, depriving children of their bread, and beating the wives and mothers, all this City would rise up *en masse* to crush the tyrant and deprive him of his power. And yet this was but a feeble picture of what rum is doing as it presents among us. The love of dram drinking was never more prevalent in this City than now. The speaker referred to a United States Senator in the Halls of Congress who was so drunk as to be unable to stand. He did not see any propriety in excusing or trying to cover up the faults of United States Senators and other high officials, when the meanest and lowest class of the Fourth Ward was censured and condemned without mercy. Strong drink, he said, was robbing the Bench, the Bar and the Pulpit of some of their brightest ornaments. The speaker related an interesting incident in regard to a prominent lawyer of Chicago, whom he met in the streets of Cleveland in an intoxicated condition. The love of drink was among all classes from the highest to the lowest. He thought that instead of beginning in the Fourth Ward, they ought rather to go on the Fifth-avenue. The laws we now have on the subject were all wrong. People could not be legislated into righteousness or schooled into morality. Moral suasion is the only true rule. You may lead men and women when you cannot drive them. The poor inebriate must be reached, if at all, by kindness, by considerate, thoughtful care, and by coming right down to the condition and capacity of the sufferer. Once arouse the feelings of hostility in the breast of one down in the gutter, and you cannot reach his heart. There is a soft spot in every man's heart, no matter how degraded, if you can only find it. Kindness, love, Christian benevolence, and, above all, charity, are the means that must be relied upon to stay the rapid strides which rum is now making in this great metropolis. He hoped, he said, there was present no woman who was addicted to drunk. To see a woman drunk was worse than to witness the intoxication of one hundred men. The best New Year's present which a husband, addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, could present to his wife, would be his name signed to a total abstinence pledge.

SING SING STATE PRISON.

The Forthcoming Annual Report—Expenditures and Receipts of the Year—Interesting Particulars Concerning the Management of the Institution—Views of the Officials on Corporal Punishment.

The annual report of the Warden of the Sing Sing State Prison, Mr. HENRY C. NELSON, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1869, has just been completed and presented to the Board of State Inspectors. It is a most interesting and voluminous document, and the figures here given will be found to be not only correct, but published exclusively in the columns of the TIMES:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The total cost of maintaining the Prison for the year was $377,152 55, divided as follows: Male department, $351,082 57: female, department, $26,069 98. The total receipts were $264,153 06; from the male department, $264,099 12; female department, $4,053 96—leaving a deficiency of $108,999 47 to be provided for by the State. Last year the total expenditures were $327,459 92, and the receipts $180,929 34, leaving a deficiency to be provided for of $146,530 58. The cost to the State of the Prison for the past year is thus shown to be $37,531 11 less than for the preceding year.

The average cost of supporting each convict for rations only for the year was as follows: For males, 17 8-10 cents per day, or $5 43½ for the month; females, 27 2-10 cents per day, or $7 78 per month. Including all items per day: Male, 73 3-10 cents per day, or $22 32 per month; female, 54 cents per day, or $16 53 per month.

THE DEBIT ACCOUNT.

The items from which the foregoing statement is made are as follows:

In the male prison—Rations, $82,843; officers' salaries, $90,929 53; clothing and bedding, $31,796 21; miscellaneous, $39,592 51; oil and fuel, $14,194 33; building and repairs, $10,633 83; hospital, $3,243 12; discharged convicts, $1,947 74; grain and feed, $2,506 82; stationery, $1,974 20; furniture, $1,152 43; marble and lime works, $57,939 76; chain works, $12,139 09. Total, $351,082 57. In the female department, officers' salaries, $8,633 67; general support, $17,436 31. Total, $26,069 98.

THE CREDIT ACCOUNT.

The earnings of the Prison were as follows: contract earnings, $65,976 75; miscellaneous, $63,538 75; United States convict board, $4,013 40; military convict board, $1,223 17; convicts' deposits, $6,463 07; visitors' funds, $421 50; confiscated funds, $52 82; Westchester marble and lime works, $129,014; Westchester chain works, $22,378 66; total, $264,099 12. The contract earnings are from the following sources: Shoes, $27,524 90; cabinet, $5,583 45; saddlery, hardware and harness, $23,112 50; sash, blinds and doors, $9,538 40; total, $65,976 75. In the female prison the receipts from contract work were $4,053 96. The printing, auger and chain contracts have been abandoned and the works stopped—the latter, which it was hoped would prove most productive, proving a failure, and the State being called upon to make up a deficiency of $27,000 to pay the debts incurred in carrying on the business.

FACTS ABOUT THE CONVICTS.

At the date of the report there were in prison a total of 1,370 convicts—1,250 males and 120 females. The number yesterday was 1,298—males, 1,176; females, 122. The escapes during the year were five, while in the previous year the number was fourteen, thus showing conclusively that the reported escapes of a large number of convicts was erroneous. Twenty-four of those imprisoned have died during the year, as against fourteen of the previous year; the greater number of deaths are ascribed to consumption and heart disease. Thirty-one have received pardons, while during the year previous thirty-seven were the subject of Executive clemency. The number of convicts received was 525; discharged, 525, and 100 transferred to Clinton. Of the number received 484 were white and 41 colored; 448 could read and write, 44 could read only, while 31 could do neither. Of this number 172 were temperate, 242 moderate, and 111 intemperate; 295 were natives of the United States, and of this number 157 were from this City, and 64 from other parts of the State. The remainder were natives of the following-named countries: Ireland, 94; Germany, 78; England, 18; France, 10; Canada, 6; Prussia, 4; Belgium, 4; Scotland, 2; Sweden, 2; West Indies, 2; Poland, 3; Holland, 1; Russia, 1; Spain, 1; Cuba 1 and Saxony 1. Total Americans, 295; foreigners, 230. The ages at the time received were from 15 to 68. Of these 357 were between 17 and 29; one was 15, and three 16, and six were over 50. The terms of sentence ranged from one year to life; 354 were for less than five years, 119 for five years, 22 between five and ten years, 11 for ten years, 7 for twelve years, 1 for twelve years and six months, 7 for fifteen years, 3 for twenty years, and 4 for life.

The crimes of which these were convicted were: Assaults, 31; bigamy, 5; manslaughter, second degree, 2; manslaughter, third degree, 5; manslaughter, fourth degree, 1; murder, 8; rape, 3; sodomy, 1; attempt at burglary, 34; attempt at grand larceny, 48; burglary, 145; burglary and grand larceny, 7; false pretences, 3; petit larceny, second offence, 2; grand larceny, 161; forgery, 13; receiving stolen goods, 2; compounding a felony, 1; arson, 5; assault to rob, 15; robbery, first degree, 15; larceny from the person, 6; attempt at larceny from the person, 6; counterfeiting United States currency, 1; violating Revenue laws, 1.

The statistics of the year have been kept with great care by Mr. CHILDS, who is the Clerk of the Prison.

THE LIME KILNS.

The receipts from the lime works, will be seen are largely in excess of the expenditures, and this fact is used as an argument in favor of taking them out of the hands of a contractor and placing them under the control of the State. The receipts for the year would have been much greater, it is believed, had the kilns now in process of construction been completed and more men employed. The cost of a kiln is about $6,000, and when the works are finished it is designed to burn 1,500 barrels of lime a day. The profit on each barrel sold is one dollar, and the demand at the present would have much greater than the supply. Two hundred and fifty men have been at work during the year, and the present year the force is to be doubled. Mr. A. WALKER, formerly the contractor, an experienced man, is the superintendent of the works, and his confidence in their ability to support the institution is so great that he has offered to take the kilns and contract to carry on the prison entirely free of expense to the State. The profit is not only derived from the sale of the manufactured lime, but the flux is used for furnace purposes, and is now being transported in large quantities, thus furnishing an additional source of gain.

THE MARBLE QUARRIES.

The marble quarries are not valuable alone as furnishing the necessary material for lime manufacture, but the stone itself now taken out is of a superior quality, and as fine as that of which the Park Bank in New-York is constructed. The quarries are of vast extent, and the supply of stone almost inexhaustible. Owned by the State, as they are, they cannot fail if properly managed to become a source of large revenue. This City is now supplied mainly with lime from Rockland, Me., and with marble from other localities than Sing Sing. The time, it is believed, is not far distant when the State Prison will be able to furnish both articles in such quantities as to make the institution not only self-sustaining, but also a source of revenue to the State.

THE PRISON

is in excellent order, and a number of improvements have been made during the year. The office has been entirely rebuilt; heaters put in several of the new buildings instead of stores; the cabinet shop, which was burned last year, replaced by another; new boilers and kettles put in the mess room, and many other necessary improvements effected. The appraised value of the property will, however, be about $10,000 less than that of last year, from the fact that until this time it has been rated at too high a figure. Mr. NELSON, upon assuming authority as Warden, being a resident of Sing Sing, and knowing the real value of the property, thought a reduction should be made in the appraisal, which was accordingly done.

PUNISHMENT OF CONVICTS.

Since the abolition of the shower bath by the Legislature of last Winter, the principal punishment has been the dark cell and tying up by the thumbs The latter, it is said, has been found to be most effective. The authorities of the prison claim that a judicious use of the shower bath is a more potent means of preventing insubordination, the fear of its infliction exerting almost as much influence as its actual experience. They regard it as a perfectly safe method of punishment. As it is now convicts will frequently hold out for several days instead of hours or minutes, as formerly.

GENERAL MATTERS.

The present Chaplain of the institution is Rev. R. S. SCHOONMAKER, of Schenectady, an earnest man who devotes his entire time to the prison and its spiritual needs. The Warden, Mr. HENRY C. NELSON, is a young man and deservedly popular. The whole appearance of the place, and particularly its cleanliness, is a strong evidence of good care. A report has recently been current that the schoolmaster employed by the State receives $1,500 per year, and works but two hours a week. This is pronounced to be false. He is employed two hours for five evenings in each week, and receives a compensation of only $500 per year.

MEETING OF STATE INSPECTORS.

The first meeting of the Board of State Inspectors of State Prisons, took place at Sing Sing yesterday. All three of the Inspectors were present, Mr. LAFLIN, the newly-elected member of the Board, taking his seat for the first time. Mr. SCHEU was chosen President for the current year and the assignments made as follows: Auburn, Inspector SCHEU; Clinton, Inspector LAFLIN; Sing Sing, Inspector MCNEIL.

A resolution complimentary to the retiring member of the Board, General JOHN HAMMOND, was unanimously adopted.

It is said to be the intention of the Inspectors to put all the prisons of the State on a paying basis, and to do this by either raising the price of the contracts, or by doing away with the system altogether. The Board will leave Sing Sing this evening for the Clinton Prison for the purpose of attending the silver wedding of its warden, Hon. WM. C. RHODES.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer—Important General Order.

At the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners, held yesterday, Chief Engineer PERLEY submitted his report for December, showing that during that time there were sixty-nine fires, all but two of which were confined to the buildings in which they originated. Only three buildings were considerably damaged, and thirty of the fires were extinguished without sending out an alarm. Of these fires, forty were discovered by citizens, twelve by the Fire Patrol, nine by the Police and eight by the bell ringers. The total loss from the fires of the month is estimated at $119,663.

A speculative real estate broker having asked permission to decorate the telegraph poles of the Department in Broadway with his lists of houses to rent, the Commissioners refused it, and passed a resolution asking the Board of Police to cause the arrest and punishment of all persons who shall post bills of any kind upon any of the poles.

The TIMES of yesterday announced the promotion of JOSEPH L. PERLEY to succeed Chief Engineer KINGSLAND in the executive command of the Department. The following is the official order, and includes all other changes, chief among which is the institution of a new series of titles for the various officers. The order bears date the 31st ult., but is now first made public:

HEADQUARTERS METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 51.—I. The resignation of the late Chief Engineer affords the opportunity of making certain changes in the organization of the Department, which the growth of the City and the additional patrol and other duties assumed, and the necessity of personal and constant supervision over a force too large and scattered to be readily reached at any time from one central point, render expedient; the principal feature of the change being the promotion of three officers, now commanding and responsible under the Chief, for their respective districts in the place of one Assistant Engineer.

II. The following appointments and promotions are hereby made in conformity with the foregoing, to take effect on the first proximo: Joseph L. Perley, to be Chief of the Department; Robert V. Mackey is continued as Department Inspector, and in consequence of the other important duties imposed upon him, is relieved from fire duty; Wm. Brandon, to be Chief of the First Fire Brigade; Eli Bates, to be Chief of the Second Fire Brigade; Wm. W. Rhodes, to be Chief of the Third Fire Brigade; Ernest Drevet, commanding Hook and Ladder Company No. 7, to be Foreman and Captain; John Ward, Hook and Ladder Company No. 8, to be Assistant Foreman and Lieutenant.

III. The remaining District Engineers will hereafter be known as "Chiefs of Battalions," and will perform fire duty as prescribed for District Engineers in General Orders No. 24, series of 1868, Office of Chief Engineer.

IV. The "Chiefs of Brigades," upon receipt of this order, will report, in person, to the "Chief of the Department," for orders and instructions.

By order of the Board.

ALEXANDER SHALER, President.

CHAS. E. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.

The Congressional Committee and the Gold Conspiracy.

There will be no session of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives until Tuesday next, when the Committee will be called together at Washington. No steps have been taken by any of the Committee towards investigating the gold conspiracy of September last, except inquiries by individual members, and no witnesses have been summoned or [illegible] any way notified that their attendance is desirable. When the Committee is called together it will be determined whether the investigation shall be conducted in Washington or in this City. This may be considered as semi-official, and those who have knowledge of the gold conspiracy may rest satisfied that they will not be disturbed for some days at least.

Genealogical and Biographical Society.

The New-York Genealogical and Biographical Society held its annual meeting at the Mott Memorial Hall, No. 64 Madison-avenue, last evening, HENRY R. STILES, M. D., the President, in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected Trustees of the Society for the year 1870: General George S. Greene, Charles B. Moore, S. S. Purple, M. D.; Ledyard Bill, Wm. F. Holcombe, M. D.; Henry R. Stiles, M. D.; S. Hastings Grant, David P. Holton, M. D., and S. Edward Stiles. These gentlemen are to meet and elect officers for the Society. The report of the Librarian, WM. F. HOLCOMBE, M. D., announced that since March, 1869, when the Society was organized, there had been donations of 393 bound volumes, 180 pamphlets, besides a number of portraits, maps, charts, autographs, &c. The Society will meet again on Saturday evening next.

Foreign Mails.

No alteration has been made in the arrangement published in Tuesday's TIMES, respecting the departure of foreign mails. Three, instead of four, mails will leave weekly for European countries for the present. In regard to the compensation which the Hamburg line will receive for carrying the French mails, nothing is yet known.

The Company expect that the French Government will allow them full freight rates at the least.

The English mails are carried at six cents per ounce.

While the expenses to the Government will be greater than heretofore by the reduction of foreign postage, the Postmaster-General is confident that in time the foreign mails will pay their way by the increase of letters sent.

Street Assault on a Lawyer by a Robber.

A young and well-known lawyer named EDWIN H. DARLING, is now lying in a critical condition at his residence in East Twenty-second-street, near Broadway, from the effects of wounds received on Monday evening at the hands of a man who made an attempt to rob him. The attack was in Twenty-second-street, two or three doors from his residence, at about 10 P. M., while he was on his way home ward from one of the theatres. His assailant approached him in a sudden manner, and struck him three blows on the head with some heavy weapon, which rendered him insensible. He was found lying on the sidewalk a short time after by a party of gentlemen. He had in his possession a valuable watch and a considerable amount of money, but neither was touched by the robber, for some unknown reason.

The Susquehanna Railroad Case.

Notice has been given of a motion at Albion, in the County of Orleans, for a week from next Monday, to set aside the recent judgment of Judge E. DARWIN SMITH. There are a large number of affidavits and papers on which the motion is to be made. The papers end with the following certificate:

We hereby certify that we have examined the opinion of Mr. Justice E. DARWIN SMITH in this cause, and that, in our judgment, it is, in every material point, erroneous either in fact or in law.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE.
GEORGE C. BARRETT.
DAVID DUDLEY FIELD.
AMASA J. PARKER.

JAN. 5, 1870.

A Lawyer Poisoned Through a Drug Clerk's Error.

Another case of carelessness on the part of a drug clerk occurred on Monday last, in which Mr. ALFRED BUELL, a well-known lawyer of this City, was placed in a position nigh unto death. The latter stopped at an apothecary's store in Broadway, near the City Hall, for the purpose of having a prescription prepared. Instead of receiving the proper medicine, he was handed a potion, which, after being taken by him, was discovered to be poison. He was subsequently removed to the Astor House and placed under the treatment of Dr. SWANN, who administered antidotes which successfully counteracted the effects of the poison. Mr. BUELL is still lying at the hotel, however, it not being considered safe to remove him at present.

Funeral of Mrs. Dr. Lozier.

A large gathering of the sorrowing friends of the late Mrs. Dr. LOZIER assembled at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, in Thirty-fourth-street, yesterday afternoon, to pay their last sad tributes of affection to their deceased friend. Mrs. LOZIER, by her genial, yet unassuming manner, her energy and perseverance, as well as by her thorough womanliness and large-hearted generosity, had won for herself the affection of all with whom she was brought in contact. Few of those who knew her but will treasure her memory as of a dear and valued friend. As the body was borne up the aisle the choir sang the anthem, "I heard a voice."

Rev. Dr. STREET read the Ninetieth Psalm and Rev. Dr. RIDGWAY made the first prayer. Rev. Mr. RUSSELL, of Brooklyn, then spoke of his acquaintance with the deceased in a most feeling manner, and Rev. CYRUS B. FOSS, pastor of the church, gave a sketch of Mrs. LOZIER'S life and paid an eloquent tribute to her worth and goodness. The burial service was then read, after which the large congregation took their last look at the loved form, after which, accompanied only by the family friends, it was borne to Green-Wood Cemetery.

Labor Movements.

Three cigar shops are now on strike—the men at No. 15 Cedar-street, GERSHELL'S shop, No. 86 Maiden-lane, and NEW'S establishment in East Broadway. The men persist in holding out until the old scale of wages be restored.

The journeymen tailors are prosecuting Messrs. BROKAW BROTHERS for the false imprisonment of EAMES and FINNELL, members of the Union. The suit will come up on the 15th inst.

The stonemasons held their annual election of officers last night. The following is the result: Edward Kelly, President; Wm. Keenan, Vice-President; Wm. Kenny, Corresponding Secretary; Thomas Reilly, Recording Secretary; Cornelius McAuliffe, Treasurer; Wm. Dolan.

The Income Tax—Is It Payable for 1870?

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Are the incomes of this year (1870) taxable? As I read the law, they are not; but is it not possible for some "Commissioner" to so torture the English language as to make them so? Indeed, I have heard some United States officials here say that there were grave doubts respecting the question. MANY READERS.

NEWARK, N. J., Monday, Jan. 3, 1870.

[The incomes which accrued in 1869 will be assessed and collected in March of this year. Those accruing this year (1870) are not taxable under the present law.—TIMES.]

Lead Poison.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

As the public seem greatly excited over the result of the investigation just instituted by Professor DOREMUS as to the cause of the death of Mr. GALLER, the analysis of the contents of the stomach, intestines, liver, and also a portion of the muscular tissue, having divulged the presence of lead, and the learned Professor stating it may have been introduced through the medium of lead water pipes, and the question being raised by several of the other cases as to whether a safer material than lead could not be used for conveying water and other liquids, we beg to state that our Company have been making, for several years, until they have reached the highest degree of perfection in producing a water pipe, the interior surface of which is pure block tin, and the exterior surface of the whole thickness of the pipe, the outer surface being of lead, the two metals being thoroughly united before being drawn into pipe. This is known as our LEAD-INCASED BLOCK TIN PIPE. The connections are all made with our new tin-lined joints. This causes the water to flow through an unbroken surface of pure block tin, no water, metal, even of the minutest particle, coming in contact with the water. This pipe is as flexible and as easily worked as ordinary lead pipe.

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Among other features of interest are presented the following:

Foreign Intelligence.

The London *Times* on the *Alabama* Negotiations; Embarkation of Mr. PEABODY'S Remains; Reported Collapse of the Cuban Rebellion—A Reign of Terror in the Island; An Addition to the Literature of the Byron Story—the Mystery Cleared Up; Fall of Port-au-Prince; The New French Ministry; Severe Gales and Marine Disasters in Great Britain; The Red River Rebellion; Resignation of the Spanish Cabinet; The New French Cabinet; A Fenian Defeat in Ireland; Erie Shares in the London Stock Board.

General Topics.

Statistical Report of our Trade with Foreign Countries in 1868-9; Mrs. Stowe's Vindication of Lady Byron; Resumption and Reduced Taxation; The Chinese in Texas; A Prospective and Retrospective Glance at our Mercantile Interests; The War on Commissioner Wells.

Political Affairs.

Organization of the Legislature; The Governor's Message; Proposed Repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment.

Local News.

Murder and Suicide by a German School Teacher; The Merchant's Exchange Bank Defalcation; Business of the New-York Post Office; Mysterious Disappearance of a Long Island Clergyman; An Incident at the Grand Opera House.

Agricultural.

The Tobacco Trade of the Past Year; Labor in the South; Chicago Grain and Lumber Statistics; Remarks on the Relative Qualities of the Various Breeds of Cattle; Milk Under the Microscope; Hoove in Cattle; Wheat-Growing in the West; South American Cattle in the English Market; English Sheep; Foot and Mouth Disease.

The Markets.

Specially prepared Summaries of Financial, Commercial, Live Stock and Produce Movements.

Editorial Comments.

The Complication in the Northwest; New-York and New-Jersey Boundaries; Our Commissioners of Emigration; Gratitude in Great Public Services; Our Inland Commerce—Diversion of Trade and its Remedy; Suppose the State Divided—What Then? The Taxes and the Debt; The Union League Club and Mr. Stanton; Mrs. Stowe's Second Narrative; Governor Hoffman's Message.

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MARRIED.

BARKLIE—SAXTON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Cresskill, N. J., on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1870, by Rev. T. G. Wall, ARCHIBALD BARKLIE, of Portrush, Ireland, to SARAH LOUISE SAXTON.

PARKER—HANCE.—At Shelter Island, on Tuesday, Jan. 4, by Rev. Chas. H. Gardner, of St. Luke's Church, East Hampton, L. I., J. EUGENE PARKER to SARAH ANNA, youngest daughter of Joseph L. Hance, Esq., formerly of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, N. J.

SAVAGE—WHITTLESEY.—On Wednesday, Jan. 5, in Old Saybrook, Conn., by Rev. Salmon McCall, EDWARD B. SAVAGE, of Middletown, Conn., to Miss EMELINE E. WHITTLESEY, of Saybrook.

DIED.

BERGE.—On Saturday morning, Jan. 1, at Grand Rapids, Mich., CORDELIA C., daughter of the late Ezra Andrews, Esq., of Pawlet, Vt., and wife of Major M. C. Berge, of Grand Rapids.

The remains will be taken to Pawlet for interment.

CAREY.—Mrs. PATRICK H. CAREY, in her 35th year.

Her funeral will take place from No. 740 52d-st., on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

COLGATE.—On Wednesday, Jan. 5, FRANCES L. GRIGGS, wife of John H. Colgate.

The relatives and friends of the family are

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

There were no sales of real estate at the Exchange yesterday. To-day E. H. LUDLOW & Co. will dispose of several lots on Lexington-avenue, near Fifty-fourth-street. So far as appears at present, this will be the only public sale of real estate for the entire week.

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Clinton-st., w. s., 216.8 ft. s. of Stanton-st., 23.4x 100.....$12,800
Cherry-st., s. s., 25.4x50.....5,000
Essex-st., s. s., between Delancey and Broome sts., 25x87.6.....24,000
Greenwich and Dey sts., s. e. corner, 77.6x40.5x 62.4x63.....75,000
Houston-st., n. s., 125.11 ft. w. of 1st-av., 75.11x17.3 6,800
Houston-st., n. s., 125.11 ft. w. of 1st-av., 75.11x17.3 6,000
Lewis-st., w. s., 180 ft. n. of Stanton-st., 100x20.. 17,500
Munroe-st., n. s., 200.8 ft. w. of Jackson-st., 25x ½ block.....3,000
Vandewater-st., n. w. s., 106.4 ft. n. of n. w. corner of Frankfort-st., 25x100.....14,000
26th-st., s. s., 80 ft. w. of 1st-av., 103.8x20.9.....10,000
21st-st., s. s., 400.1 ft. e. of 5th-av., 92x16.....14,000
38th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 10th-av., 98.9x25.....425
36th-st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of 11th-av., 98.9x25.....17,500
44th-st., s. s., 300 ft. w. of 9th-av., 100.4x20.....5,000
56th-st., s. s., 276 ft. w. of 5th-av., 100.8x25.....19,000
97th-st., n. s., 80x20.5.....nom.
79th-st., s. s., 165 ft. e. of 3d-av., 100.2x20.....18,000
127th-st., s. s., 191.3 ft. e. of 6th-av., 99.11x18.9..... 16,500
131st-st., s. s., 246 ft. w. of 5th-av., 98.11x25..... nom.
134th-st., s. s., 340 ft. w. of 5th-av., 150x99.11..... nom.
Lexington-av., w. s., 57.5 ft. s. of 54th-st., 18x70.. 21,000
3d-av. and 109th-st., s. e. corner, 150x100.....65,000
8th-av., e. s., 255 ft. s. of 46th-st., 75x18.9.....19,500
8th-av., w. s., 99.11 ft. n. of 132d-st., 100x25..... nom.

Lease Recorded.

Watts-st., No. 7, 5 years, per year.....$800

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Baltic-st., n. s., 198 ft. e. of Henry-st., 22.7x99.10 x41.4x58.7x25.....$4,500
Baltic-st., s. s., 120 ft. e. of Hudson-av., 135.8x133. 10x94.10x125.6.....3,750
Baltic-st., s. s., 240 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x56.....2,400
Bergen-st., s. s., 200 ft. e. of Rochester-av., 20x 127.....500
Columbia-st., e. s., 40 ft. n. of Woodhull-st., 20x 80, h. and l.....10,500
Ewen-st., w. s., 50 ft. n. of Meserole-st., 25x100.. 2,400
Grand-st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of Lorrimer-st., 25x100. 14,500
Herkimer-st. and Schenectady-av., s. w. corner, 100x100.....2,000
Hopkins-st., n. s., 281.1 ft. e. of Throop-av., 20.5 x100.....5,800
Ivy-st., n. s., 90 ft. n. e. of Central-av., 100x100. 600
Jackson-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Graham-av., 25x100. 700
Meserole-st., n. s., 100 ft w. of Lorrimer-st., 25 x100.....2,000
Park-plaza, n. s., 21 ft. e. of Park-place, 20x35.... 19,000
Pulaski-st., n. s., 350 ft. e. of Nostrand-av., 26.9x 24.4x25.....350
Quincy-st., s. s., 165 ft. e. of Nostrand-av., 20x 100.....11,000
Rodney-st., s. s., 430 ft. n. of Lee-av., 22x100, h. and l.....10,300
Scholes-st. and Varick-av., n. w. corner, 33x63x26 x52.11.....115
Skillman-st., w. s., 28 ft. w. of Ewen-st., 54x75.... 2,500
Skillman-st., w. s., 85 ft. n. of Lafayette-av., 18.2x 100.....5,900
Union-st., w. s., 342.6 ft. e. of 6th-av., 14.6x90.... 1,500
Webster-st. and Brooklyn-av., centre lines, 389.6 x200.....11,000
Warren-st., n. s., 82 ft. e. of Flatbush-av., 131x60. 17,250
Warren-st., s. s., 196.3 ft. w. of Nevins-st., 20x3x 100.....7,000
Nord. 2d-st., s. s., lot No. 47, Ewen assessment map 25x125x25x122, q. c., 1866.....1,500
4th-st., s. s., 323.6 ft. e. of Smith-st., 22x100.....} 1,475
5th-st., n. s., 126 ft. e. of Smith-st., 22x100.....}
North 5th-st., s. s., 244.3 ft. w. of 2d-st., 18.9x100.. 4,500
12th-st., s. s., 462.6 ft. w. of 4th-av., 18.4x100..... 3,500
14th-st., s. s., 257.10 ft. n. w. of 4th-av., 99.9x20 x100.4, q. c.....nom.
Carrion-av., e. s., 320.5 ft. s. of Fulton-av., 19.8x 100.....6,500
Classon-av., e. s., 317.7 ft. s. of Wallabout Bridge road, l. and l., 50x100.....5,000
Franklin-av., w. s., 80 ft. s. of Lafayette-av., 20x 74.....6,000
Marcy-av., s. w. s., 60 ft. n. w. of Lynch-st., 20x80. 5,450
Port-and-av., e. s., 461.8 ft. n. of Myrtle-av., 20x 100.....7,600
Putnam-av., n. s., 100 ft. w. of Howard-av., 25x100 1,800
Stuyvesant-av., w. s., 82.7 ft. s. of Chauncey-st., 7.2x25.4x25.....50
4th-av., w. e., 75.2 ft. n. of 37th-st., 25x100.....1,000
4th-av., w. s., 75.2 ft. n. of 38th-st., 25x100.....1,000
Gravesend Neck road, 270 ft. n. of R. L. Vanbleck's, 50x168.....200

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

East Chester.

Elm-place, n. s., 400 ft. w. of Union-place, 100 x146.....} $9,200
Elm-place, s. s., 300 ft. w. of Union-place, 100 x146.....}
Landing, road on land adjoining Wm. Le Roy's, 1 11-100 acres.....1,300
Washington-place, s. s., lot No. 33 Central Mt. Vernon, 50x100.....250

Morrisania.

Charles-place and Walton-av., s. w. corner, 100 x109.....$3,200
1st-st., n. e. s., part lot No. 7, Morrisania, 25x217. 2,000
141st-st., n. s., 206 ft. w. of Willis-av., 25x100..... 1,700

Rye.

Oak-st., w. s., 100 ft. from Purchase-st., 70x100... $1,000
Travis-st., w. s., 100 ft. w. of Gas Company's land, 50x70.....500

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Belleville-lane, e. s., opposite Catholic burying ground, 53x106.....$1,000
Camden-st., w. s., 625 ft. from Godet-st., 25x100.. 1,500
Broome-st., w. s., 50 ft. from Montgomery-st., 50 x100.....3,600
Morris-av. and Cabinet-st., n. e. corner, 25x100.. 500
Warren-st., s. s., 37 ft. from Chatham-st., 60x100. 2,500
South 5th-st., w. s., 83 ft. from South Orange-st., 75x103.3.....1,350
Pennsylvania-av. and Parkhurst-st., s. e. cor., 50x100.....10,000

Belleville.

Kingsland's property, 2 95-100 acres.....$1,180

Orange.

Centre-st., w. s., Feny's property, 50x200.....$12,000
Sherman-st., e. s., 131 ft. from Dodd-st., 50x150.. 500

East Orange.

Dodd-st., s. s., adjoining Sweetzer's property, 50 x100.....$400

West Orange.

Indefinite lot, 30-100 acre.....$4,000

Hudson City.

Lots Nos. 29, 30, block No. 5, Bramhall's map.....$250
Lots Nos. 88, 89, A. Collerd's map.....2,150

Bergen.

Clendenny-av., n. s., lot No. 101, block No. 2, C. N. Buck's map.....$550

North Bergen.

Clarendon-av., lot No. 1, Seacaucus map.....$100

Jersey City.

North 1st-st., s. s., 35 ft. e. of Monmouth-st., 13 x75.....$3,600

Greenville.

Plot No. 7, block No. 2, 4¼ lots, each 25x100.....$3,357

CITY REAL ESTATE.

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Also,

The spacious banking building Nos. 365 and 367 Broadway, corner of Franklin-st., with first or banking floor ready for immediate possession; lot 50x150, through to alley. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—TWO OF THOSE FIVE SUPERIOR four-story brown-stone houses south side of 55th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.; 20x50; lot 100; extra plumbed; heated with warm-air furnaces; at a bargain. Apply on the premises, or foot of 47th-st., North River, or No. 30 Pine-st., at 2 P. M. J. W. STEVENS & BROS.

HOUSES FOR SALE.—PARTIES CONTEMPLATING purchasing are requested to examine the new and elegant block of houses on the west side of Madison-av., between 42d and 43d sts. Full particulars can be obtained by applying to the owner, CHARLES DUGGIN, Architect, No. 191 Broadway.

FOR SALE—AN ELEGANT FOUR-STORY high-stoop brown-stone-front house in 45th-st., near 5th-av., 20x95; lot full size; constructed by one of our best builders, and in splendid order. Address C. VAN BENSCHOTEN, No. 78 Cedar-st.

A SPLENDID FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone house on 60th-st., near Lexington-av., will be sold with the elegant furniture at a very reasonable price. Particulars and permits of ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

BROADWAY.—FOR SALE—THE EXTRA wide five-story brown-stone building (store and lot) No. 899 Broadway; 22x100 feet, with an "ell" on Franklin-st. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROADWAY.—FOR SALE—A BUILDING and lot opposite the Park, on Broadway. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROADWAY.—FOR SALE—A BUILDING and lot below the Astor House, on Broadway. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

DRAWING FOR THE COUNTRY RESIDENCE OF THE LATE C. G. GUENTHER, AT JAMAICA, L. I.—This property, comprising 24½ acres, tastefully laid out with spacious mansion and outbuildings in best repair, costing to the owner $25,000 and for the last twenty-five years in possession of the Guenther family, situated in the limits of the thriving Village of Jamaica, L. I., only ten miles from 34th-st. ferry, New-York, of easy access at all hours by steam and horse cars, has been donated by Mr. W. H. Guenther, son of the lately deceased C. G. Guenther, to be disposed of, and to have the proceeds equally divided between the following benevolent corporations:

1. The German Hospital and Dispensary in the City of New-York.
2. The German Mutual Assistance Society for Widows and Orphans.
3. The German Ladies' Society for the relief of indigent widows, orphans and sick.

The property assigned to me as requested by Mr. W. H. Guenther to carry out this noble plan.

They have decided to issue 250 chances at $100 each.

The drawing will take place Jan. 8, at 8 o'clock P. M., at the German Rooms, No. 39 East 4th-st.

If on the said day a considerable number of tickets should not be disposed of, the undersigned reserve to themselves the right to postpone the drawing; such delay not to exceed a fortnight.

The owner of the number drawn will receive by Mr. W. H. Guenther, at once, a full and indisputable title to the property.

The undersigned entertain the firm hope, that to further the noble purposes of the generous donor the kind-hearted inhabitants of this City will answer promptly to this appeal.

Tickets may be had of each of the members of the Committee and at the office of the New-York *Staats Zeitung*.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1869.

THE COMMITTEE:

E. SAUER, Chairman, No. 45 Exchange-place.
C. ALTHOF, Secretary, No. 30 Park-place.
Dr. C. HENSCHEL, Treasurer, No. 35 West 33d-st.
LOUIS BURGER, No. 150 Canal-st.
Dr. E. KRACKOWIZER, No. 26 West 12th-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—AT MONTCLAIR, BLOOMfield, N. J., a property of 16 acres, with a good residence, splendidly situated, near present M. and E. R. R., and nearer to proposed Midland Railroad Depot. The location and lay of the land is such that it is capable of being subsequently and excellently laid out in building plots, offering a rare chance for a profitable investment. Price and particulars by A. D. MELLICK, JR., & BRO., No. 6 Pine-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—AT MORRISTOWN, N. J., ON South-st., a most desirable residence, with thirteen rooms and attic, bathroom, water closet, hot and cold water, gas, barn, icehouse, complete garden and fruit trees. For further particulars apply to RANDOLPH BROS., No. 111 Trinity Buildings, Broadway, New-York, or THEODORE AYRES, Real Estate Agent, Morristown, N. J.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and farms, a great variety, beautifully situated one hour from N. Y., for sale by W. ... country seats and houses to let for the season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 346 Broadway, N. Y., or to H. A. M., Orange, corner Main and Cone sts., 1 to 3 P. M.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—IN WILLIAMSBURG, IN A good neighborhood, a two-story, attic and basement frame house; water, heater and gas; the lot has a two-story building on the rear, suitable for a shop. Apply on the premises, No. 190 South 2d-st., near 7th. Price $7,000; $1,500 to remain; possession to suit.

STORAGE STORES FOR SALE OR to let.—The granite stores Nos. 5 and 6 Atlantic Dock, fronting East River, adjoining Hamilton Ferry. Apply to WM. N. CLARK, No. 170 William-st.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

TO LEASE.
New corner store, Mercer-st., 25x96.
New houses, 83d-st., near 4th-av., 12.9x50.
New cottages, 107th-st., near Boulevard, 22x31.
Offices, No. 240 Broadway.
Apply to W. R. MORGAN,
No. 12 Washington-place.

FIFTH-AV.—TO LEASE FOR TWENTY YEARS AND RENEWALS—A wide corner of 5th-av. and side street, below the Fifth-avenue Hotel; ground rent, $15,000 per annum.

ALSO,

The large stone building and lot through to alley, No. 164 5th-av., as it is or to be altered, and with ground rent lease if wanted 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROADWAY STORE TO LET OR lease.—The spacious stone-front store No. 501 Broadway, 30x200, through to Mercer-st., to let for three or five years. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LEASE—FOR TWENTY YEARS AND renewals, a large corner, about ninety feet front on 5th-av., above the Brevoort House; will build for a good tenant hotel or stores. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

OFFICE TO LET.—TWO FRONT ROOMS on the second floor of No. 7 New Chambers-st. Inquire on the premises of LEXOW & VOIGT, or of W. L. CONKLIN. No. 18 4th-av.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE TWO LARGE five-story brown-stone dwellings in East 14th-st., opposite Tammany Hall, and extra land in the rear; all modern conveniences, in prime order; well adapted for a respectable boarding house; 36 rooms, besides kitchen and cellar. Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 7 Pine-st.

FIFTH-AVENUE.—TO LET OR LEASE.—The five four-story first-class marble-front houses, each 20x70, lot 100 feet, on the east side of 5th-av., between 57th and 58th sts., overlooking the Park and Lake, and having the Central Park and grand circle. Apply to WM. & E. A. CRUIKSHANK, No. 55 Broadway.

TO LET—NO. 688 LEXINGTON-AV., A FIRST-class four-story brown-stone house, having all the modern improvements and in complete order; can be seen at any time without permit. For terms apply to B. BLANCO, No. 13 South Wilham-st.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET—A first-class four-story English basement house, completely furnished and in perfect repair; located on 5th-av., Murray Hill; rent $6,000 per annum, for three or five years. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, 2 Pine-st.

TO LEASE—LARGE FIRST-CLASS BOARDing house or private hotel, centrally located, newly fitted up, in complete order. E. G. LOCKE,
No. 141 8th-st., opposite Clinton Hall.

TO LET—THIRD FLOOR, FOUR ROOMS, No. 230 West 59th-st., fronting Central Park.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—BY A RESPONSIBLE PARTY, a modern three-story house, fully and neatly furnished, for a private boarding house, between 3d and 6th avs., and 12th and 23d sts.; price not to exceed $250 per month; full particulars given or no attention paid. Address E., Box No. 146 *Times* Office.

WANTED—TO HIRE A SMALL HOUSE, with all the modern improvements, between 14th and 30th sts.; rent not to exceed $800 to $1,000. Address B., Morrisania, Westchester County, N. Y.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT ON WEST 44TH-ST. FOR SALE.
A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, at 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:
WEST 44TH-ST.—The three-story high-stoop brick house and lot No. 51 West 44th-st., north side, between 5th and 6th avs., in fine order and with the modern conveniences; 60 per cent. on mortgage. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE LOTS ON LEXINGTON-AV., BETWEEN 64TH AND 65TH STS.
E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Jan. 13, 1870, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:
LEXINGTON-AV.—Two lots, east side of Lexington-av., 25.5 feet north of 64th-st.; each lot 25x100 feet. $9,000 can remain on bond and mortgage.
Maps, &c., at the auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st., New-York.

FINANCIAL.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-YORK.
FIRST MORTGAGE
THIRTY-YEAR SEVEN PER CENT.
CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND BONDS.
FOR SALE BY
VERMILYE & CO.,
BANKERS,
NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES.

TANNER & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 49 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
have for sale a line of Investment Securities of the highest order, among them,
6 Per Cent. First Mortgage Gold Bonds St. Louis and St. Joseph R. R. Co., May and November.
8 Per Cent. First Mortgage Gold Bonds St. Joseph and Denver City R. R. Co., February and August.
10 Per Cent. Bonds of Marion County, Missouri, May and November.
10 Per Cent. Bonds of Monroe County, Missouri, January and July.
All of which we can recommend with the utmost confidence. TANNER & CO.,
No. 49 Wall-st., New-York.

EGLESTON & SMITH,
NO. 11 BROAD-STREET,
Deal in all classes
of
RAILWAY, COUNTY AND CITY BONDS,
Buy and sell, on commission,
GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY AND OTHER STOCKS.
And receive Deposits, subject to checks, allowing interest on balances.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & COMPANY,
No. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1869.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the transfer books of Wells, Fargo & Company will be closed on the 19th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., to enable the Company to ascertain who are owners of the stock of the old Ten Million Capital. The owners of that stock will be entitled to participate in the distribution of assets provided for by the agreement with the Pacific Express Company.
The transfer books will be opened on the 22d day of January, at 10 o'clock A. M., after which time the $5,000,000 new stock will be delivered.
Notice is also given that the transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 25th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of holding the annual election for the Directors of this Company. The books will be reopened on the 7th day of February, at 10 o'clock A. M. GEORGE K. OTIS, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election, will be held at their banking room on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 and 3 o'clock P. M.
The transfer books will be closed from the close of business on Friday, Jan. 7, until the following Wednesday morning. B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

OFFICE METROPOLITAN GASLIGHT COMPANY,
BROADWAY, CORNER 42D-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1869.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company for the election of Directors, will be held at this office on MONDAY, Jan. 10, 1870. Polls open from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. MEIKLEHAM, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW YORK,
Dec. 28, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking house, No. 212 Broadway, on the second TUESDAY in January, (11th proximo,) between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

GROCERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Pensacola Land Association will be held at the office of the undersigned, No. 49 Wall-st., at 1 o'clock on THURSDAY, the 27th inst.
N. THURSTON, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1870.

FINANCIAL.

THE National Trust COMPANY.
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 320 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL - $1,000,000

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.
PAYS 5 PER CET. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.
THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.

DARIUS R. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, First Vice-President. BENJ. F. BANCROFT, Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

BANKING HOUSE OF Geo. Opdyke & Co.
36 NASSAU ST.
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.
PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.
INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.
COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

EIGHT PER CENT. GOLD
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE ISSUE OF
$1,500,000
BY THE
ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY R. R. CO.,

in denominations of $1,000 and $500, coupon or registered, with interest at Eight per cent. per annum, payable 15th February and August, in Gold, free of United States taxes, in New-York or Europe. The bonds have thirty years to run, payable in New-York in Gold. Trustees, Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New-York. The issue which secures these bonds is at the rate of $13,500 per mile; covers a completed road for every bond issued, and is a first and only mortgage. This line connecting St. Joseph with Fort Kearney will make a short and through route to California.
The Company have a Capital Stock of.....$10,000,000
And a Grant of Land from Congress of 1,600,000 acres, valued at the lowest estimate at..... 4,000,000
First Mortgage Bonds..... 1,500,000
Total..... $15,500,000
Length of road, 271 miles; price, 97½, and accrued interest. Can be obtained from the undersigned. Also pamphlets, maps and information relating thereto. These bonds being so well secured and yielding a large income, are desirable to parties seeking safe and lucrative investments.
W. P. CONVERSE & CO., Com'l Agents,
No. 54 Pine-st., New-York.
TANNER & CO., Fiscal Agents,
No. 49 Wall-st., New-York.

MUNROE & CO.,
AMERICAN BANKERS,
NO. 7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS.
JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
NO. 8 WALL-ST.,
New-York.

Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers in all parts of Europe, &c. Exchange on Paris.

BANKERS' AND BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
NO. 18 BROAD-ST.
LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY.
CAPITAL..... $1,000,000
PAID IN..... $500,000

TRUSTEES.

H. M. BENEDICT, Pres't Gold Ex. Bank.	G. T. BONNER.
J. L. BROWNELL,	G. T. Bonner & Co.
J. L. Brownell & Bro.	T. S. MARLOR.
T. H. MARVIN,	James D. SMITH,
Marvin Bros. & Co.	Jameson, Smith & Cotting.
T. B. STOUT,	R. W. MARTIN, Jr., & Co.
Stout & Dickinson.	JAMES B. COLGATE,
A. M. FERRIS,	Trevor & Colgate.
A. M. Ferris & Bro.	RUFUS HATCH,
T. B. MUSGRAVE,	No. 17 Broad-st.
Musgrave & Co.	JOHN BONNER,
	John Bonner & Co.

Transacts a general banking business.
Receives deposits subject to check at sight, and allows five per cent. interest on balance.
Interest allowed on deposits for a specified time, as per agreement.
JOHN BONNER, President
D. W. BERDAN, Manager.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY.
Sealed proposals addressed to William H. Swift, at Messrs. Ward, Campbell & Co.'s, No. 56 Wall-st., New-York, or to R. S. Watson, Treasurer, Boston, will be received until noon on FRIDAY, Jan. 7, 1870, for the sale of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS of the Land Bonds of said Company, at the undersigned Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the indenture of mortgages, dated April 1, 1863.
The bids will be opened at the office of the Company in Boston, on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, and the accepted bids declared.
WILLIAM H. SWIFT,
SIDNEY BARTLETT,
NATHANIEL THAYER, } Trustees.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1869.

O. E. WOOD,
NO. 23 NASSAU-ST.,
OFFERS FOR SALE
$25,000 LOUISIANA PENITENTIARY 7 PER CENT. BONDS AT 75.
$50,000 CITY OF NEW-ORLEANS 7 PER CENT. BONDS AT 75 AND INTEREST.
ALL PAYABLE IN NEW-ORLEANS.

CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, (of Maryland,)
NO. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK,
Dec. 24, 1869.
BONDS WANTED.—THE COMPANY DEsires to purchase, for its sinking fund, an amount of its mortgage bonds equal to $22,755 (twenty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty-five dollars) in cash, and will receive proposals for the surrender to it of any of said bonds to that amount.
Proposals should be addressed to the "Committee on Sinking Fund," at the office of the Company, No. 71 Broadway, on or before the 12th day of January, 1870, at 12 o'clock M., when the amount to be taken and the amount awarded to the most favorable bidders for the Company. JAMES S. MACKIE,
Vice-President.

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, corner Broadway and Dey-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
E. V. AMERMAN, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking house, No. 263 Broadway, on the SECOND TUESDAY in January, (11th prox.,) between the hours of 12 M. and 3 P. M. JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.
W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 45 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking rooms on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. A. GILBERT, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking rooms, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 M. to 2 P. M. ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

STATE OF ARKANSAS.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the Coupons of the Funded Debt Bonds of the State of Arkansas, falling due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid on and after that date upon presentation at the American Exchange National Bank, New-York. HENRY PAGE,
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 10, 1869. State Treasurer.

12½ PER CENT. INTEREST—CHEAP-est securities in the market.
UNION PACIFIC LAND GRANT BONDS, bearing 7 per cent. (currency) interest. FOR SALE at 56½, and accrued interest. These bonds are taken at par in the purchase of the Company's lands.
CORNE & STANTON, No. 23 Broad-st.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

PACIFIC BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRteen Directors will be held at their banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
R. BUCK, Cashier.

$333,000 TO LOAN ON STRICTLY first-class New-York and Brooklyn property, in sums to suit, on first and second mortgages. Bonds, stocks and notes negotiated. B. F. COOK, No. 176 Broadway, Rooms Nos. 19 and 20, Howard Building.

WANTED—ON FIRST-CLASS BROADWAY property, $100,000 on three mortgages; property has a large rental roll; lot about 55x146 feet; building first class. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.
BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1870—3 P. M.

	Buy	Sell.		Buy	Sell.
Registered, 1881	115⅝	116⅛	5-20 Coupon, '67.	112⅜	112⅝
Coupon, 1881...	115⅝	116⅛	5-20 Coupon, '68.	112⅜	112⅝
5-20 Regis., 1862.	113⅛	113⅜	10-40 Regis.....	110	110⅛
5-20 Coupon, '62.	113⅝	114	10-40 Coupon....	110⅛	111
5-20 Coupon, '64.	113⅜	113⅝	Gold.....	119⅛	119⅜
5-20 Coupon, '65.	113⅛	113⅜	U. S. Curr. Pac..	109⅝	109⅞
5-20 Coupon, '65. Jan. and July.	112¾	112¾			

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.,
Issue letters of credit for
TRAVELERS,
Available in all the principal cities of Europe, through
DREXEL, HARJES & CO.,
NO. 3 RUE SCRIBE,
PARIS.

BOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS.
Paris, No. 12 Rue de la Paix; New-York, No. 19 William-st.; Boston, No. 76 State-st.
Issue bills on Paris and the Union Bank of London in sums to suit; also circular letters of credit for travelers, available throughout the world. Letters to their care for travelers registered on receipt and delivery.
Agents for the *Times* in Europe.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
issue COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

LOCKWOOD & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 94 BROADWAY.
Deal in United States, Railway and other securities.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PAST DUE COUPONS
BOUGHT BY
AVERY & BORG,
No. 41 Pine-st., New-York.

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE HAS been sent to the President of the Stock Exchange by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad:
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13, 1869.
To the President of the Stock Exchange, New-York:
SIR: To comply with the third article of your by-laws, I hereby give you notice of our intention to issue $6,000,000 of convertible seven per cent. bonds, free of taxes, which we have negotiated at par, without commissions. One-half of said bonds are convertible at any time after their issue, and the other half after Jan. 1, 1872.
The purchasers are required to take the bonds as follows, viz.:
1,500,000 January, 1870. } Convertible after issue.
1,000,000 July 15, 1870. }
1,000,000 Jan. 15, 1871. } Convertible after Jan. 1
1,500,000 in 1871 and 1872, as required, on 60 days' notice. } 1872.
The object of this issue of bonds is to provide the means to complete several branch roads in course of construction, to provide additional rolling stock and the necessary consequent enlargement of workshops, wharves for the shipment of coal, new engine houses, sidings, &c.
I believe the foregoing information is in strict conformity with your by-laws. Very respectfully,
(Signed) FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, President.

OFFICE OF THE DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Company, and for Inspectors of next election, will be held on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1870, at the office of the Company, Avenue D and East 142d-st. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M. Transfer books will be closed until 12th January.
RICHARD KELLY, Secretary.

OFFICE NEW-YORK FLOATING DRY DOCK CO.,
No. 254 SOUTH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THIS Company for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election will be held at the Company's office on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 6 to the 12th. By order,
H. V. MASON, Secretary.

SOUTH GEORGIA AND FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY'S First Mortgage Seven Per Cent Bonds, indorsed by the State of Georgia, and both principal and interest guaranteed by the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Company, by which the former road has been leased.
It is fifty-eight miles in length, and the entire issue of the bonds is but $500,000. For sale by
M. K. JESUP & CO., No. 12 Pine-st.

TEN PER CENT. SECURITY OF Cook County, Ill., (in which the City of Chicago is situated,) certificates of indebtedness payable in eighteen months from 1st January; interest payable semi-annually at the National Park Bank, New-York. A small amount of this security has been issued to complete public works and is offered for sale in sums to suit.
LOCKWOOD & CO.,
No. 94 Broadway.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1869.
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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.

FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,

TUESDAY,
THURSDAY
AND SATURDAY.

THE STEAMSHIPS

HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Captain CHEESEMAN, THURSDAY, Jan. 6, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 86 Liberty-st.

SAN SALVADOR, Captain NICKERSON, SATURDAY, Jan. 8, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green.

MONTGOMERY, Captain FAIRCLOTH, SATURDAY, Jan. 8, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West-st.

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S.C.,

THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST—REGULAR LINE.

The sidewheel steamship SARAGOSSA, C. RYDER, Commander, will sail

THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1870, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 8 North River, foot of Rector-st.

Rates of passage—Charleston, $15.

Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest.

Agents in Charleston (Ravenel & Co.) forward all goods free of commission. Insurance effected at this office at one-half of one per cent.

ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 73 William-st.

The steamship MAGNOLIA will sail Jan. 13.

FOR NEW ORLEANS DIRECT.

THE CROMWELL LINE.

Steamships of this line will leave Pier No 9 North River at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

GEO. WASHINGTON..GAGER.....Saturday, Jan. 8
MARIPOSA.....KEMBLE.....Saturday Jan. 15

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. Cabin passage, $50.

For passage, first and second class, or freight, apply to H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

STEAMBOATS.

STONINGTON LINE.

TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.

GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

Fare always as low as by any other line.

The new and elegant Side-wheel steamers

STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT,

Capt. WM. M. JONES. Capt. GEO. B. HULL.

From Pier No. 33, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 6 P. M.

Arriving ahead of all other lines.

Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway.

J. S. BABCOCK, President Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR BOSTON.

Via Fall River, touching at Newport.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

The splendid steamers

NEWPORT AND OLD COLONY,

Commander LEWIS. Commander SIMMONS,

leave daily (Sundays excepted) at 4 P. M., from Pier No. 30, North River, foot of Chambers-st.

JAMES FISK, JR., President.

M. R. SIMONS, Managing Director.

C. H. VAILE, General Passenger Agent.

H. H. MALCOLM, Freight Agent.

HUDSON RIVER OPEN—NAVIGATION RESUMED.—The steamer CONNECTICUT, of the regular Albany and Troy line, will leave Pier No. 44 North River on TUESDAY, Jan. 4, at 6 o'clock P. M., and every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SUNDAY thereafter until further notice. Freight and passengers for the North and West taken at low rates.

FOR BRIDGEPORT, AND ALL points on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD, &C.—Fare $1 25. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The undersigned having been for the last forty years a full, equal and senior partner of the lately dissolved firm of A. BININGER & CO., established in 1776, and having commenced anew next door below the old stand, under the firm name of A. BININGER CLARK & SON, (Successor,) have been restrained by Judge Gilbert, of the Supreme Court of New-York, from using any PARTICULAR name of BININGER, also that of SUCCESSOR, I would hereby inform the public that for the present and until my name Bininger be restored to me by Judge Gilbert, I shall do business in the Wine, Liquor and Fine Family Grocery trade, under the name and title of ABRAHAM B. CLARK & SON, No. 96 Liberty-st.

COPARTNERSHIP.

OFFICE OF FOWLER & WILSON, NO. 26 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.—The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of FOWLER & WILSON, for the transaction of a commission business in the buying and selling of Stocks, Bonds, Gold, Government and other securities. Respectfully yours,

MORTIMER L. FOWLER,
GEORGE W. WILSON.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of SCOTT, WALTER & CO. in Philadelphia and Boston, and WALTER BROTHERS & CO. in New-York, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JOHN C. SCOTT,
WM. B. SCOTT,
FRANK WALTER,
HARRY WALTER,
JOHN C. SCOTT, Jr.,
HOWARD WALTER.

No. 205 WALNUT-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS day entered into a copartnership for the purpose of carrying on the wholesale coal business, under the firm name of WALTER, DONALDSON & CO., in the Cities of Philadelphia, New-York and Boston.

B. B. THOMAS,
FRANK WALTER,
HARRY WALTER,
ROBT. C. THOMAS,
SAM. T. DONALDSON,
HOWARD WALTER.

JAN. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP OF YOUNGS & CORLEY is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

D. A. YOUNGS still continues the packing-box business, at No. 22 Worth-st., and the lumber business at the foot of 3d-st., East River. Either of the undersigned will sign in liquidation.

D. A. YOUNGS,
CHRISTOPHER CORLEY.

JAN. 1, 1870.

THE FIRM OF RUFUS HATCH & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All the members of the late firm will continue their offices at No. 17 Broad-st. Mr. RUFUS HATCH will settle the business of the late firm of RUFUS HATCH & CO.

H. H. BAXTER,
RUFUS HATCH,
JAMES M. SELOVER,
WILLIAM LEMMON.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of HARDING & BALDWIN, is this day dissolved by limitation. E. L. HARDING will settle the business of said firm, and hereby assumes all the debts contracted by said firm.

E. L. HARDING,
O. S. BALDWIN.

The undersigned will continue the business at No. 69 Duane-st. E. L. HARDING.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP OF SPENCER & MITCHELL expires this day by its own limitation. Either of the general partners will sign the firm name in liquidation.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

The business will henceforth be carried on by the undersigned under the firm name of HARVEY SPENCER & CO., Nos. 84 and 86 Reade-st., corner Church.

HARVEY SPENCER,
GEORGE TRULL.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED a copartnership for the transaction of a banking and commercial business, under the firm name of LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER, at No. 10 Wall-st.

W. B. LEONARD,
W. C. SHELDON,
W. H. FOSTER.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under the firm name of VAN WART, MCCOY & CO., having expired by its own limitation, the undersigned will carry on the business under the firm name VAN WART & MCOY.

IRVING VAN WART,
J. FRANCIS MCOY.

JAN. 1, 1870.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. JOHN W. ELLIS, (LATE PRESIdent of the First National Bank of Cincinnati,) has this day been admitted a partner in our firm. We shall continue the regular banking business as heretofore.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 27 Pine-st.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of WILLIAM RYLE, JR. & CO. has been dissolved this day, the affairs of the late firm will be liquidated and its business continued at No. 297 Broadway, by WM. RYLE, Jr.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMed a copartnership, under the firm name of TYERS & TALBOT, for the transaction of the China business hitherto conducted by R. R. Tyers.

RICHARD R. TYERS,
AUGUSTUS TALBOT.

JAN. 1, 1870.

THE IMPORTING BUSINESS OF THE above firm will be continued by the undersigned, under the firm of JOHN LOWITZ & CO., he having this day admitted Mr. OTTO VON HEIN as a partner.

JOHN LOWITZ.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HITHERTO existing between G. W. WATTS and WM. REDMOND, Jr., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

MR. JOHN S. BARNES BECOMES A partner in our house from this date. The business will be conducted as heretofore, under the same firm name.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. HENRY C. LAIGHT IN CONSEquence of impaired health, retires this day from our firm.

DUTILH & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

MR. HENRY F. SEWALL, WHO has heretofore signed for us by procuration, is today admitted as a partner in our house.

GRINNELL, MINTURN & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. R. J. CROSS THIS DAY BECOMES a partner in our firm, and MR. C. G. RAMSAY retires from it.

GEO. WESTFELDT & CO.

NEW-ORLEANS, 1st January, 1870.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The firm of C. P. FISCHER & CO. is this day dissolved.

C. P. FISCHER,
ERNESTO FISCHER.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of FRANCKE & FISCHER.

J. R. FRANCKE.
C. P. FISCHER.
AXEL P. FRANCKE.
ERNESTO FISCHER.

CLEMENS FISCHER will sign the firm per procuration.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership heretofore existing between GEORGE OWEN, SMITH OWEN, WILLIAM H. HISCOX and REUBEN L. ALLEN, under the name of G. & S. OWEN & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. WILLIAM H. HISCOX retiring from the firm. The remaining partners will continue the business under the same firm name, and settle all accounts of the late firm.

GEORGE OWEN,
SMITH OWEN,
WM. C. HISCOX,
REUBEN L. ALLEN.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 1, 1870.

DISSOLUTION.

The firm of FAILE, WILLIAMS & CO. is dissolved this day by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be settled by EDWARD and CHARLES V. FAILE, who are authorized to collect the debts and sign the name of the firm in liquidation.

EDWARD FAILE,
RICHARD WILLIAMS,
CHARLES V. FAILE.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership heretofore existing under firms of CALDWELL, GORDON & CO., at Philadelphia and New-York, and of CALDWELL & CO. at Boston, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either party will sign in liquidation.

S. CALDWELL, JR.
P. A. HALL.
N. P. GORDON.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1869. SAM. B. YOUNG.

COPARTNERSHIP.

WILLIAM WATT, Jr., is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.

WATT & SHERMAN.

JAN. 1, 1870.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—THIS IS to certify that the subscribers have formed a limited partnership, pursuant to the provisions of title 1, chapter 4, part 2, of the Revised Statutes of the State of New-York, and are severally and severally thereof, for the transaction of business within the State of New-York, to be conducted under the name or firm of COCHRAN, HAMILTON & CO., in the City of New-York; the general nature of the business intended to be transacted is the Stock Brokerage business, wholly on commission, including the buying and selling on commission of bonds, gold and securities; the names of all the general and special partners interested therein, and their respective places of residence, are as follows: General partners, ROBERT COCHRAN, WILLIAM H. HAMILTON and HENRY CLAPP, all of the City of New-York, in the State of New-York; special partner, WELLINGTON CLAPP, of said City of New-York; the amount of capital which said special partner has contributed to the common stock is the sum of $50,000 in cash; the partnership is to commence on the 3d day of January, 1870, and will terminate on the 1st day of January, 1873.

ROBT. COCHRAN,
WM. H. HAMILTON, } General partners.
HENRY CLAPP,
WELLINGTON CLAPP, Special partner.

(5c. rev. stamp—canceled.)

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the firm of MORAN & GOULD, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

THEODORE T. MORAN,
WM. R. GOULD, JR.

NEW-YORK, 31st December, 1869.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the name of MORAN & MURRAY, for the transaction of a general stock and banking business, at No. 38 Pine-st.

THEODORE T. MORAN,
BYRON MURRAY, JR.,
Member New-York Stock Exchange.

1st JANUARY, 1870.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm name of LEAVITT & GOULD, for the purpose of transacting a stock and exchange commission business, and have taken an office at No. 51 Exchange-place, near Broad-st.

HENRY S. LEAVITT,
WM. R. GOULD.

JAN. 1, 1870.

JAN. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP OF THE undersigned, as Bankers and Brokers, in Philadelphia and New-York, under the name of SMITH, RANDOLPH & CO., expired 31st ultimo, and was by mutual consent dissolved.

D. C. WHARTON SMITH,
EDMUND D. RANDOLPH,
HOWELL W. BICKLEY.

D. C. WHARTON SMITH will succeed to the business of the late firm in Philadelphia, under the name of D. C. WHARTON SMITH & CO.

EDMUND D. RANDOLPH and HOWELL W. BICKLEY will continue the business in New-York, the style of the house to be EDMUND D. RANDOLPH & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under the firm name of UNDERHILL, HAVEN & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

J. F. UNDERHILL,
G. G. HAVEN,
A. FINDLAY, JR.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of UNDERHILL & CO., and will continue the business of the late firm of UNDERHILL, HAVEN & CO., at the same offices, No. 62 Wall-st.

J. F. UNDERHILL,
A. FINDLAY, JR.,
B. L. SMYTH.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of LEONARD, RHOADES & GROSVENOR, is hereby dissolved by limitation. Mr. WM. B. LEONARD retires from the business; either member will sign in liquidation.

WM. B. LEONARD,
JAS. HARSEN RHOADES,
JAS. B. M. GROSVENOR.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm name of RHOADES & GROSVENOR, and will continue the dry goods commission business as heretofore, at No. 54 Leonard-st.

JAS. HARSEN RHOADES,
JAS. B. M. GROSVENOR.

JAN. 1, 1870.

NO. 29 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under name of WHITEHOUSE & CO., expires THIS DAY by limitation. Mr. E. M. WHITEHOUSE, owing to ill health, will retire from active business.

The business of the house will be continued under the name of WHITEHOUSE & CO., by Mr. W. T. PHIPARD, (who is partner in our present firm,) and Mr. JOHN L. WHITEHOUSE, a recent partner, with a special capital of $100,000, contributed equally by Messrs. EDWARD WHITEHOUSE and DAVID G. LEGGET. (of late firm of Schenck, Rutherford & Co.)

(Signed,) WHITEHOUSE & CO.

LONDON, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. GEORGE WESTFELDT, OF NEW-York, and Mr. JOHN DENNISTOUN, Jr., are admitted as partners in our firms, here and in New-York.

In the latter place the style of the firm will be DENNISTOUN, WESTFELDT & CO.

Mr. THOMAS SELLAR retires from both our firms, and returns to his former position as senior partner in the firm of Messrs. THOMAS SELLAR & CO., Liverpool.

DENNISTOUN, CROSS & CO.

THE FIRM OF LOWITZ & BECKER is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Each partner has the right to sign in liquidation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. JOHN LOWITZ.
C. E. BECKER.

The importing business of the above firm will be continued by the undersigned, under the firm of JOHN LOWITZ & CO., he having this day admitted Mr. OTTO VON HEIN as a partner.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. JOHN LOWITZ.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED a copartnership under the firm name of ALFRED BRIDGEMAN & SON, and will continue the seed business as heretofore at No. 876 Broadway.

ALFRED BRIDGEMAN,
ALFRED T. BRIDGEMAN.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1. 1870.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. SAMUEL NEUSTADT IS ADmitted as a partner in our house from this date. Mr. SIEGMUND SUSMAN is authorized to sign the firm name by procuration.

HALLGARTEN & CO.

HAVING ADMITTED MY BROTHER, Mr. TAYLOR CAMPBELL, as a partner, the firm in future will be SAMUEL CAMPBELL & CO.

(Signed,) SAMUEL CAMPBELL.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. WILLARD M. NEWELL HAS this day retired from our firm, and Mr. CHARLES M. NEWELL is admitted a partner therein.

NEWELL BROTHERS.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. No. 15 Murray-st.

MR. THOMAS HILLER IS ASSOCIated with me from this date. The firm name will be ALEX. D. NAPIER & CO.

JAN. 1, 1870. ALEX. D. NAPIER.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—Mr. EDward Slade and Mr. William Turn Bull are partners in our house from this date.

JAN. 1, 1870. E. R. DIBLEE & CO.

WILLIAM A. HAINES, JR., AND JOHN R. MYERS, Jr., are this day admitted partners in our firm.

JAN. 1, 1870. HALSTED, HAINES & CO.

G. THEODORE BUCKWITZ IS ASsociated with us as a partner from this date.

STANTON, SHELDON & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MUSICAL.

A GREAT OFFER.—HORACE WATERS, No. 481 Broadway, New-York, will dispose of one hundred pianos, melodeons and organs, of six first-class makers, at extremely low prices for cash during the holidays, or will take from $5 to $25 monthly until paid; the same to let, and rent money applied if purchased.

CHANDLERS & SON'S PIANOS ARE justly considered the best made upright and square Pianos to rent and for sale; $100, $125, $200, $225, $250, $300 to $400. No. 99 4th-av., between 11th and 12th sts.

IF YOU WANT A GOOD PIANO, CHEAP, call at L. P. CUMMINGS' warerooms, 8 Union-sq. Sold on installments or rented; any way to suit customers. Only look at them before you decide elsewhere.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST.—THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY CAUtioned against negotiating the following promissory note which has been lost viz., Stein, Bros. & Co., Baltimore Md., drawn to their own order, dated Sept. 11, 1869, at six months, for twenty-four hundred twenty-two and fifty-seven one-hundredth dollars, and payable at National Union Bank of Maryland. Payment has been stopped.

MAULL, TOCK, GREEN & HORTON,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1870. No. 114 Franklin-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—WASHING BY A RESPECTable Protestant widow woman; a family or a few lodger or gentlemen's washing; ironing done by machine; terms moderate; can produce the best of reference. Call at No. 121 West 26th-st., between Broadway and 6th-av., Mrs. MOORE.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT AMERIcan girl, a situation as lady's maid, or to take care of grown-up children and sew; understands hairdressing; can give good City references. Can be seen for four days at No. 220 West 19th-st., between 7th and 8th avs.

WANTED—BY A THOROUGH CHAMBERmaid, with four years' City references, a situation in the City; will do the fine washing and ironing; or as regular waitress and chambermaid; takes charge of the silver and dining room in style; wages $12. Call at No. 306 East 26th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD cook; is a good baker, and is willing to do some of the washing or ironing in a private family; can give the best of City reference for two years. Call at No. 132 West 15th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook in a small private family; understands her business thoroughly; would assist in the washing if required; City reference. Call for two days at No. 145 East 30th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRSTclass cook; understands all kinds of soups, meats, game, side dishes, pastry, jellies, and all kinds of desserts; is a good baker; City reference. Call for two days at No. 319 West 42d-st., near 8th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECtable woman as cook in a gentleman's family; is a good baker and understands her business; is willing to assist in the washing and ironing; has the best of City reference. Call at No. 222 West 16th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as chambermaid and laundress or plain cook, washer or ironer; can be seen at her present place until Saturday. Call or address at No. 14 East 30th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN a private family's washing; has no objection to do it by the month; can do fluting and can give good reference if required. Call or address Mrs. MAHON, at No. 443 East 13th-st., between 1st-av. and Avenue A.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PERSON a few engagements by the day or week as children's or ladies' dressmaker; understands plain sewing; can operate. Call for two days at No. 220 3d-av., between 20th and 30th sts., in the store.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant woman as first-class cook; understands boning, larding, ice cream, jellies, &c.; has unexceptionable City references; no objection to the country. Apply at No. 340 4th-av., corner 25th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant woman as excellent cook; would assist in washing; or to cook, wash and iron in a small family; City reference. Call at No. 203 West 27th-st., first floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT woman, a situation as competent nurse to an infant; can bring it up by bottle or hand; has no objections to go a short distance in the country; the best of City reference given. Call at No. 228 West 19th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant young woman as chambermaid and seamstress, or as nurse; good City references; is fully competent. Can be seen for two days at No. 419 East 14th-st., first floor, Room No. 1.

WANTED—BY A GOOD COOK, WASHER and ironer, a situation; has two years' City reference from her last place; is not afraid of work or fond of cleaning. Apply at No. 1,284 Broadway, second floor, near 33d-st.

WANTED—BY THREE GERMAN GIRLS, situations; one cook or laundress, one chambermaid or nurse, (speak French,) one half-grown. Apply at No. 138 6th-av., above 10th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl to do chamberwork and waiting in a private family; has two years' City reference from her last place. Call at No. 344 6th-av.

WANTED—BY AN AMERICAN WOMAN, A situation to do the general housework of a small private family; is a good plain cook. Can be seen for three days at 117 West 19th-st., in the front basement.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman as first-class laundress; can do all kinds of fluting; has the best of reference. Apply at No. 310 East 30th-st., near 2d-av.

WANTED—IMMEDIATELY, A POSITION as copyist, lady's companion, or governess, or teacher of English and music; City or vicinity; references. Call or address J. D., No. 306 West 58th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE MARried woman, to take in a few gentlemen's washing, or a respectable family's; can do fluting if required. Apply to Mrs. MANING, No. 404 East 15th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXPErienced seamstress; can make ladies' and children's underclothing and lace work; first-class references. Apply at No. 138 6th-av., above 10th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRSTclass cook; is willing to do the coarse washing; would like to go to the country; has good reference. Apply at No. 241 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN a situation as first-rate cook and assist at washing, in a private family; good City reference. Call at No. 222 West 29th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECtable girl as competent waitress in a private family; is willing and obliging; best of City reference. Can be seen until engaged at 709 West 155th-st., rear.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GERman girl to do general housework. Call at No. 127 Norfolk-st., between Rivington and Stanton sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK IN A private family; will assist in the washing; can be seen for two days at No. 336 East 47th-st.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL A situation as good plain cook in a private family; good City reference. Call at No. 222 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL A situation as seamstress; understands dressmaking. Call at No. 157 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT LAUNdress, a situation in a private family; can be well recommended. Apply for two days at 141 East 13th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant lady as working housekeeper to a widower's family. Call at No. 109 4th-av., second floor.

A T BOOKHAM'S, NO. 329 4TH-AV., new No. 235, for country or City, a large number of recommended professed Protestant and other cooks, experienced nurses, seamstresses, waitresses, chambermaids, laundresses, housekeepers, young girls, &c.

MALES.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISHMAN (PROTestant), aged 34, married, no family, a situation to take charge of a gentleman's or lady's farm; understands all fancy stock, first-class farmer and gardener, good machine man and laying out of trout ponds; good testimonials from wife to take charge of dairy and poultry. Address to his last employer, Judge Newton, No. 74 Wall-st., New-York, for one week WILLIAM BROWN, Hohokus, N. J.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITER IN a private family; understands his business thoroughly; has the usual recommendations; would be found a most satisfactory house servant; most respectable City reference from last place. Address No. 61 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young woman as seamstress; no objection to assist with chamberwork; City reference can be given. Call for two days at No. 339 West 40th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD GERman girl to do general housework. Call at No. 127 Norfolk-st., between Rivington and Stanton sts.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

DANIEL SHEA was arraigned before Justice DOWLING yesterday, to answer the charge of personating a Police officer, and THOMAS MURRAY for interfering with the officer who made the arrest, threatening to stab him. SHEA was endeavoring to extort money from a street woman, under the guise of a detective, when Officer SUYFORD, of the Fourteenth Precinct, was passing them in Mulberry-street in citizen's dress, hence the arrest. Both of the accused were held for trial in the Special Sessions.

Hon. GEORGE W. CURTIS is to lecture on "American Literature," in aid of the Soldiers' Monument and the Relief Fund of Post Shaw, No. 71, G. A. R., at the Unitarian Church, New-Brighton, corner of Clinton-street and Second-avenue, next Friday evening. Mr. CURTIS has volunteered to deliver this lecture without charge. No expense whatever will be incurred by the Committee except for printing. One-half the money is designed for the monument to be erected to the memory of the brave men who went out from Staten Island and gave up their lives in the late war; the other half is designed for the Relief Fund of the Post, and will be used for the benefit of any comrade or his family that may be sick or in destitute circumstances.

The German Republicans of the Third, Fourth, Eighth and Twenty-first Assembly Districts reorganized last night for the present year. They elected officers of their Clubs and Delegates to the German Republican Central Committee.

All the members and officers of the (old) Workingwoman's Association are requested to meet at Plimpton Buildings this (Thursday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the engine house of the kerosene oil works of DINSMORE & GERMAIN, foot of One Hundred and Sixth-street, East River, caused by a leak in the feed pipe leading to the oil tank. The building, a one-story frame house, was totally destroyed, with all the contents; but the fire not reaching the main structure, the loss is not more than $2,000. Mr. DINSMORE was severely burned about the face, neck and hands. He was taken to his home in Mott Haven.

The regular nominations for President, Trustees, Managers, and other officers, of the American Institute, will be made this evening. The election takes place one month hence. Every member of the Institute who wishes its well-being in the future, should be present to-night.

The military funeral of Captain GUSTAV STRAUS, a native of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, a distinguished officer in the late war, and the Captain of Company I, of the Ninety-sixth Regiment, took place yesterday. Two regimental bands attended. The interment took place at Union Cemetery, Brooklyn, in the presence of several hundred spectators and with the usual military honors.

The first of a series of four lectures at the Bleecker-street Universalist Church was delivered last evening by P. T. BARNUM, on the subject of "Success." The main point made in the lecture was that success depends on a close observance of the laws of nature, both physical and moral. The discourse was enlivened with numerous humorous anecdotes, and listened to with evident enjoyment by a numerous audience.

The annual festival of the Eleventh Ward Industrial School for Boys, connected with the Children's Aid Society, came off yesterday at No. 709 East Eleventh-street. A number of drawings by the pupils graced the walls. Prizes were distributed by Mr. C. L. BRACE, together with candies and clothing.

The delegates of the New-York section of the Northeastern Saengerbund met at the Steuben House last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: THEODORE HEIDENFELD, President; CHARLES KALISCH, Vice-President; CHAS. MACHOLDT, Recording Secretary; LOUIS KAEMMERER, Treasurer. The election of the Corresponding Secretary was postponed to the next meeting of the delegates.

Rev. WILLIAM H. MILBURN, the blind preacher, delivered his lecture entitled "What a Blind Man Saw in Paris," at Steinway Hall, last evening, for the benefit of the Workingwoman's Protective Union, located at No. 48 Bleecker-street.

Professor P. H. VANDERWEYDE, M. D., read a paper on the Darwinian theory of creation, before the New-York Liberal Club, at No. 23 Third-avenue, last evening. He illustrated the theory of DARWIN as to the progressive development of the human species, and combated the contrary doctrine laid down by AGASSIZ. The contents of the paper were subsequently criticised by members of the Club, in short speeches.

The ladies interested in the woman suffrage movement will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the office of the *Revolution*, No. 40 East Twenty-third-street, in order to form a City and County Association, under authority from the General Convention.

Professor BAILEY, of Yale College, at the request of the students of the Union Theological Seminary, whom he has been instructing for the past month or two, gave a private reading before a few invited guests last evening. The occasion was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and the only regrets expressed were when the Professor came to the end of his programme.

A large and brilliant party of ladies and gentlemen assembled at Apollo Hall, corner of Twenty-eighth-street and Broadway, last evening, on the occasion of the first annual ball of the Ninth Ward Lincoln Union. Among the gentlemen present were Mr. WM. B. WHITE, President of the organization; Mr. SINCLAIR TOUSEY, Vice-President; JAMES CUMMINGS, Mr. CHAS. E. GILDERSLEEVE, Treasurer; EDWARD TAYLOR, and others.

AUGUST MORGENSTAR, 33 years of age, committed suicide last evening by hanging himself in his room, at No. 515 East Fifteenth-street. The Coroner was notified, and an inquest will be held to-day.

The Travelers' Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., issued 26,537 general accident policies last year, and paid nearly 12,000 losses in all, amounting to over $1,000,000.

The *Revolution* begins the new year with an unusually interesting number, and four additional pages. Among the articles are the following: "The New Year," by MRS. STANTON; "New Year Reflections," by MRS. DAVIS; "A Happy New Year," by MRS. HOOKER; "What the South Needs," "Light in Darkness," and "Mr. Brace and His Boys," by PARKER PILLSBURY; "The Born Thrall," by ALICE CARY, and some interesting foreign correspondence from MRS. MOORE and MRS. DAGGETT.

The tournament of the New-York Chess Club will close on the 25th inst. The players in the foreground are Captain MACKENZIE, who has won 19 games and lost 3; Mr. WARE, with a score of 16 won to 5 lost; Dr. BARNETT, who has won 13 and lost 5; Mr. THOMPSON, who has won 12 and lost 8, and Mr. B. LISSNER, who shows a score of 13 to 9.

The ball of Company F Ninth Regiment National Guards, State New-York, is to take place Jan. 18, at their armory.

An *ante-mortem* examination was held by Coroner SCHIRMER yesterday at No. 234 West Eighteenth-street, in the case of FRANK BESGEN, the lagerbeer saloon keeper who was stabbed by JAMES and WILLIAM FLETCHER on New Year's night. The jury rendered a verdict against the prisoners, and they were remanded to the Tombs to await the result.

The German Republican Club of the Second Assembly District, Mr. M. FRIEDSAM, President, reorganized at No. 263 William-street, last night, and appointed a Committee of five to ask the General Committee to secure to the German Republicans of the district a just representation in its councils.

The defrauded soldiers met last evening at No. 113 Bowery, and elected Mr. GEORGE GREEN as President. Their test case—FINLEY vs. VAN DYKE, ex-Assistant Treasurer—has been placed on the short calendar of the United States District Court, and is expected to come to trial next month.

The extensive firm of CLARK, WEST & CO., formerly of No. 122 Duane-street, and late of No. 460 Broome-street, has been temporarily suspended. The house has been largely engaged in the importation of foreign cloths. Mr. CLARK is confident of his ultimate ability to resume and pay every dollar of his liabilities, amounting to some $300,000.

JOHN MURPHY and SPENCER AVERY were arrested on Tuesday while in the act of stealing a chest of tea, value $94, from in front of HERMAN COTTRELL'S store, No. 128 Front-street. They were committed yesterday for trial at General Sessions.

A *post-mortem* examination was to have been held yesterday by Dr. SHINE, in the case of JULIA FENTON, who, it is alleged, died from the effects of a kick given her by her husband JOHN, at No. 24 Madison-street. It was, however, postponed. The inquest will be held to-day by Coroner FLYNN. The medical opinion is that death resulted from internal hemorrhage.

F. BAUMAN, of No. 546 Main-street, Buffalo, arrived in this City yesterday, and solicited the surrender of the remains of his brother, GEORGE BAUMAN, the murderer and suicide in the Elizabeth-street tragedy. He intends burying the body in one of the Brooklyn cemeteries.

ADELINE HOFFMAN was arraigned before Justice DOWLING, yesterday, on a charge of having feloniously assaulted THOMAS HINES at No. 128 Chatham-street, a low saloon, shooting the latter in the face. The victim being in hospital, JENNIE BROWN, of No. 46 Crosby-street, made the complaint, and the prisoner was remanded.

JOHN JAYCOX, aged 14, fell through the hatchway of No. 98 Chambers-street yesterday afternoon, and was instantly killed. He left a widowed mother at No. 1,383 Broadway, where an inquest will be held.

The third annual ball of the Private Coachmen's Benevolent and Charitable Society was held at Irving Hall last evening. It was an enjoyable entertainment in every respect, there being a very large and highly respectable number of participants in the dancing. Nearly all of the first-class coachmen in the City were represented on the occasion. The ball concluded at a late hour amid much enthusiasm. The following are the officers of the Society: M. McDONALD, President; G. R. ROGERS, Vice-President; T. KANE, Treasurer. Mr. BERNARD O'NEILL acted as floor manager at the ball.

BROOKLYN.

The canvassers for signatures to the petition for the abolition of some of the Albany commissions, receive from the Democratic managers in Brooklyn, two cents for every name they procure. This accounts for the extraordinary number of George Washingtons, Abe. Lincolns, Andrew Jacksons, Daniel Websters, Wm. H. Sewards, Henry Ward Beechers, and other names of distinguished dead and alive men which are crowded upon the petition rolls.

There are now 381 inmates in the Kings County Nursery, 603 in the Lunatic Asylum, 1,115 in the Almshouse, 350 in the Hospital—making a total of 2,452 persons supported in the public institutions at Flatbush at the expense of the county.

The Superintendents of the Poor of Kings County received the sum of $8 last month for the board of illegitimate infants at the Nursery.

The following reduction of salaries was made by the Kings County Superintendents of the Poor at their last meeting: Of Drs. Young, Creamer and Little, from $1,500 to $1,200 per annum; of S. B. Powell and Hugh Carboy, clerks, from $2,500 to $2,000 each; the wages of James Malone, Patrick Kelly, Patrick Shevlin and Thomas Wentworth, engineers, were fixed at $3 per day, and all others reduced from $3 to $2 50 per day.

Mr. WM. ANDERSON delivered his lecture on "Marriage" in the Green-avenue M. E. Church, on Tuesday evening. He took occasion to throw into his discussion of the subject some timely and well-made points on the question of divorce. In this way the lecture, previously replete with instruction and humor, was greatly enhanced. The audience was large and enthusiastic.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER says he was a newspaper man in Cincinnati before he was a minister, and his present editorial occupation comes to him like second nature. He thinks if he sticks to his work he will be able to get his name into the papers.

Professor WINCHELL, of the Michigan University, will lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association at their hall this evening, on "The Drama of Life on Earth."

Rev. Dr. FERRIS will lecture at the Reformed Church in Bedford-avenue (Rev. Dr. PORTER, pastor,) to-morrow evening. There will be a musical entertainment in connection with the lecture.

About 9 o'clock last evening, a fire broke out in the second story of No. 98 Grand-street, E. D., occupied by PETER SEITZ as a barber shop and dwelling, which was damaged to the amount of $250. The loss on furniture was $500, covered by insurance.

MARIA MONOD, a lunatic, now in the Asylum at Flatbush, has, by the accidental death of a relative in Queens County, become heiress to an estate worth forty or fifty thousand dollars. The Superintendents of the Poor are after the estate to secure pay for the support of the lunatic.

Some time ago FRANCIS A. GILBERT built an extension to his house in Dean-street, and ELEANOR CONNOLLY claimed that her property had been damaged to the amount of $925. She sued Mr. GILBERT for that amount in the Supreme Court yesterday, and recovered $50.

At about 4 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the barn of Mr. LEFFERTS at Flatbush, resulting in the destruction of the barn, five horses and the burning to a crisp of EDWARD RYAN, an aged and veteran inebriate, who was drunk when last seen going into the barn. Damage, $5,000; insurance, $3,000. It is supposed that the fire had its origin in the helplessness of the man who was burned while trying to light matches.

The number of patients treated gratuitously at the Long Island College Hospital Dispensary during the last month, was 457, and the number of prescriptions dispensed was 878.

HUDSON-RIVER.

A project is now being discussed for the consolidation of Fishkill, Fishkill Landing and Matteawan into one extensive corporation, to be known as "Dutchess City, of Dutchess County." This embraces a large territory. The conception of the plan started from the movements of capitalists in the various railroads to centre here and at Newburg, opposite.

A large number of new buildings are in course of erection at Fishkill, and public improvements of various kinds are under advisement.

The Matteawan Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated on Sunday, Rev. B. H. BIRKENS, of Newburg, preaching the sermon.

The National Bank of Fishkill have declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free from tax.

Horse thieves are reported in the vicinity of Fishkill.

Masonic Lodge "Beacon," No. 283, of Fishkill, installed their officers on Tuesday evening

LONG ISLAND.

The residence of JAMES HOOT, in Riverhead, was entered by thieves on Sunday night, who pried open a bureau drawer and carried off $300 in greenbacks. No clue to the thieves.

The Northport Presbyterians are again agitating the subject of the union of the Vernon Valley, Northport, Six Hills, Claypitts, Crabmeadow, Caton's Neck, Fresh Pond, Middletown and Sunkmeadow Churches. The union of these several Churches would be a good one if it could be harmoniously accomplished.

A sickness, taking the form of influenza, has made its appearance in Riverhead.

The Freemasons of Port Jefferson are contemplating the erection of a magnificent hall, of brick and stone.

BEATTY, the man stabbed in Jamaica on New Year's Day, is in a critical condition.

Smallpox has made its appearance in Hunter's Point.

NEW-JERSEY.

JOHN FULLARD, who was arrested a few nights ago by Officer LYNCH, for insulting a young lady on Railroad-avenue, and who was reported to have received fatal injuries at the hands of the officer, is so far recovered that his physician pronounces him out of danger.

The two Police highwaymen, HANNIGAN and REMSEN, were received at the Sing Sing State's Prison yesterday. They arrived safely, and after being washed, shaved and shorn, and clothed in the prison garb, they presented a somewhat different appearance from that of a few weeks since, when they walked the streets of New-York as the guardians of its people.

The residence of ROBT. THORN, a wealthy farmer, near Poughkeepsie, was broken into yesterday, about 1 A. M., by thieves, who tied Mr. THORN to a rocking chair, and covering him with bedclothes left him to smother, carrying off some articles of small value. His housekeeper, who was badly beaten and tied to another chair, managed to get loose and ran to a neighbor's house, whence assistance was soon sent to Mr. THORN. The robbers escaped.

Many members of the Bar of the State have prepared a paper recommending JOSEPH P. BRADLEY, of Newark, for the position of Associate Justice of the United States.

The Vigilance Association of Bloomfield are active in the prevention of crime, and the place is in consequence unusually free from vagabonds and thieves. The adjoining town of Montclair, having been greatly troubled of late by burglars, is organizing a similar association

At an early hour this morning a fire occurred in the window shade factory of Mr. JOSEPH BECK, corner of Woodruff-street and Second-avenue, which was entirely destroyed. Loss about $400; insured for $600 in the Newark City Company. The factory of Mr. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER adjoining, was damaged to the amount of $100; insured in same Company. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Two boys, aged 10 and 13 years respectively, were brought before the Elizabeth Court on a charge of stealing their mothers' money, which they spent to witness a theatrical performance.

Mrs. ELIZABETH KERNS, a lady about 40 years of age, committed suicide on Tuesday night, at her residence in Henry-street, near Jefferson, in Hoboken, by taking a dose of Paris green. So says the verdict.

Proposed Subjugation of the Apache Indians in Arizona Territory.

Governor SAFFORD, of Arizona Territory, passed through this City yesterday on his way to Washington, whither he goes to ask for an increase of the military force in that part of the country, in view of the frightful deeds of the Apache Indians towards the whites. According to the Governor's account depredations are continually going on, and not a day passes without some one being captured and carried to the mountains by roving bands. If the captive is a man he is tortured for days together, and killed by slow degrees in order that his agony may be of the most intense nature. If a woman falls into the hands of the wretches a fate worse than death awaits her. Herds of cattle are stolen, baggage and mail wagon trains pilfered, and houses burned at frequent intervals. The warriors number about 5,000 and the non-combatants 20,000. They dwell in the mountains and live by plunder alone. To keep these in order there are only thirty-one companies, less than half full, of soldiers, numbering less than 1,500 men, and of these 700 completed their terms of service a few days since, leaving only 800 for service. The insufficiency of this force will further appear, the Governor claims, when it is remembered that the Territory of Arizona is three times as large as that of New-York State. He expresses the belief that with a force of 3,000 cavalry and 1,000 infantry the Indians could be at once subdued, and at less expense than that incurred in the present defensive system of warfare. The country is exceedingly rich, he says, and if peace were established immigration could be safely resumed, and the resources of the Territory rapidly developed.

ANOTHER MURDER.

The Notorious Rowdy "James Logan No. 2" Fatally Wounded—Escape of The Murderer—Ante-Mortem Statement of the Victim.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning JAMES LOGAN, a distinguished member of the "Nineteenth-street Gang," who was once under arrest on a suspicion that he murdered CHARLES ROGERS, on the 31st of December, 1868, was shot and fatally wounded by a man whom he formerly associated with. LOGAN entered the coffee and cake saloon known as "Harry and Johnny's," situated in the basement of No. 25 West Houston-street, under the "House of Commons," a third-class porter house, and quietly enjoyed some refreshments. At the same table with LOGAN sat CARRIE SMITH, who is understood to be his mistress, and at another table were seated JERRY DUNN, a notorious ruffian, and a number of his friends. LOGAN became incensed at the remarks and actions of DUNN and his gang in regard to CARRIE, as they finally insulted her. Angry words ensued, and the men adjourned to the street to settle the difficulty in their peculiar manner. They had scarcely reached the walk in front of the saloon when DUNN drew a Derringer pistol from his pocket, and discharged it at LOGAN, the bullet taking effect in his left breast, inflicting a fatal wound. Officer CRITTENDEN, of the Eighth Precinct, attracted by the report of the pistol, rushed to the spot and seized DUNN. The friends of the latter thereupon gathered about the officer, and by telling him the man who fired the shot was in the saloon, induced the officer to release DUNN and enter the saloon in search of the assailant. DUNN thereupon made his escape.

LOGAN became insensible almost immediately after receiving the wound, and in that condition was removed to the Prince-street Police Station, being subsequently taken to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance, where he remains in a dying condition.

The pistol used so deftly by DUNN was picked up in the street near the scene of the affray, and during the confusion was thrown into a carriage which was standing in Mercer-street, where it had been dropped by DUNN in his endeavor to escape. The Police detained CARRIE SMITH, MINNIE WILSON and JOHN W. COOK as witnesses.

During the forenoon Coroner FLYNN held an *ante-mortem* examination in the case. The wounded man was found to be very weak, scarcely able to utter more than one or three words at a time. Dr. MCLEAN, the House Surgeon of the hospital, stated that the bullet had entered the breast, between the fifth and sixth ribs, and is believed to have lodged in the lung. No probe had been used in consequence. In the Surgeon's opinion death was inevitable. The following is LOGAN'S statement:

"This morning, about 12:15 o'clock, I went into GILLOTT & THOMSON'S restaurant, No. 25 West Houston-street, to have something to eat; I sat down at the same table at which a young woman was already sitting; some time after I entered the place the girl left; and I shortly after followed her out into the yard. I noticed also in the saloon while I was there three men, but am unable to say whether there were any others there or not; while in the saloon or at any time afterward I did not speak or have any words whatever with those men; after leaving the saloon I stood a little while in front of the door on the sidewalk and then returned back into the saloon again, where I obtained a drink of rum. I then went out on the sidewalk a second time, and stood for a very short time close beside the steps leading into the 'House of Commons;' in a few minutes after, three men previously referred to, came out, the man who was first striking against me very roughly; I said nothing whatever, and without any provocation on my part another one of them turned suddenly upon me and pointing a pistol, which he held in his hand, directly at my breast, fired; I instantly lost all consciousness, and I know no more of what happened to me until I found myself lying in this bed; I had no words whatever with the young woman who sat at the same table with me, and did not even know her; neither did we have supper together; I did not threaten any person in the saloon or out of it, and did not have a slung shot in my possession that evening or any other weapon."

No questions in relation to the Rogers murder were asked by the Coroner, and it would probably have been fruitless to do so, as the wounded man professed to believe that he would survive his wound. The jury impaneled in the case omitted any verdict, in order that further investigation may be made by the Police.

As already stated, LOGAN has for several years borne an unenviable reputation, and escaped conviction in the Rogers murder through want of evidence of a direct character, though the circumstantial evidence produced before the Coroner was deemed so strong that a strong suspicion has been entertained ever since that he really did commit that most mysterious and remarkable murder. He resides at No. 226 East Twenty-ninth-street, and also at No. 13 West Houston, a panel house.

The alleged murderer, JERRY DUNN, is better known as "Hawkshaw," from the fact that he had been frequently arrested and convicted of having personated detectives for the purpose of gain, and blackmailing those unfortunate women so continually preyed upon by these ruffians. As DUNN is well known, he cannot long escape.

OUR STREETS.

The Report of the Street Cleaning Contractor—More Money Wanted.

A voluminous report from the Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department for the past year was yesterday handed in to the Street Cleaning Commission by contractor JAMES L. BROWN.

The report commences by claiming that the work done last year is largely in excess of that of any previous year, this being due to the increase of population and to the insufficient number of regular dumping grounds. The manure, for which the contractor pays $20,000 per year, he sells at a loss of $10,000. The streets have been cleaned and the garbage and ashes removed, in accordance with the contract, "and in many cases much oftener than it requires." Of the difficulties with which he has to contend, it is remarked:

"It is undeniable that the streets in some sections are not as clean as is desirable, and I will endeavor to point out the true cause and suggest the necessary remedies. The contract under which we work, no matter how scrupulously complied with, must always fail to secure the desired result—it is totally inadequate in its provisions and requirements as well as in its considerations to the contractor, sanitary considerations—and they are of paramount importance in all street cleaning—would require the dirtier parts of the City to be cleaned the most and the cleanest parts the least frequent. This necessary regulation has been reversed. The streets which are required to be swept twice and oftener in a week, need this extra attention much less than a large portion of those which are only required by the contract to be cleaned once. Such streets as Fifth, Madison and other avenues and thoroughfares, would not accumulate so much filth as would offensive refuse in streets as some of the streets in the thickly-settled tenement wards do in a day. Not that I deem the streets just mentioned cleaned oftener than they should be, but the latter class requires this frequent cleaning much more than they do, and if any discrimination had to be made sanitary reasons would require that it should have been in favor of the latter. But in all street cleaning other considerations demand attention besides sanitary—the tastes and habits of some portions of our population are educated to a higher grade than are those of other portions, and the same standard of cleanliness which would be satisfactory to the inhabitants in some wards, would not be tolerated by the inhabitants of other and more respectable portions of the City. No doubt it was from this deference to the demands or wishes of the wealthier and influential sections that these discriminations in their favor were made. An important consideration which demands attention, but which appears to have been ignored in the present contract, is the necessity existing in the lower parts of the City for a more frequent cleaning on account of the enormous daily concentration of business and traffic of all kinds. In the section below Canal-street, causes and conditions exist for producing dirty streets in a preponderating degree over that of the section above. In this lower part nearly the whole business of the City is concentrated daily; fully three-fourths the number of all the horses and vehicles on the Island will some portion of every day. In Broadway alone, in the vicinity of Vesey-street, more than 30,000 horses with vehicles pass and repass daily; besides this in every store, basement and upper floor some dirt-creating business is carried on, all going to swell the immense amount produced daily, yet this part is required by the contract to be cleaned no oftener than the upper section, where not more than half the amount of dirt is produced in an equal area. Most of the complaints we receive of dirty streets are from this lower section and from the tenement parts. A prolific cause of dirty streets in other sections is the constant practice among the poorer classes of tenement population of throwing ashes, garbage and every kind of filth into the street instead of putting it in some suitable vessel and bringing it out on the approach of the ash cart, or leaving it on the sidewalk to be taken away daily. The consequence is that such streets are almost constantly in a dirty condition, heaps of filth and offensive matter accumulate between our weekly cleanings, obstructing the gutters and preventing the flow of water, causing it in the Summer season to stagnate and become offensive, and as the Health Inspector would say, "dangerous to life and detrimental to health." Most of these streets referred to are required to be cleaned by us but once a week, and the moment we have finished them the accumulating process recommences, so that it is impossible to give them a cleanly appearance for two days together. Many of the worst of these streets we have cleaned two and three times a week during the Summer, for which we receive no extra pay and very little credit. One of the worst features of this practice is that during the Winter season the stuff becomes frozen the moment it is thrown out, making it impossible to remove it weekly as in the Summer; the first snow storm covers up the mass and hides it from view; it goes on increasing, with alternate layers of dirt and snow until the approach of Spring, when the daily aggregations of the whole Winter are uncovered, and present a disagreeable picture of filth and nastiness. This makes our work in the Spring enormously heavy and expensive, and increases immeasurably the difficulties of getting such streets in a condition for sweeping as quickly as an impatient public requires.

An ordinance of the Metropolitan Board of Health prohibits this practice of throwing dirt into the streets, but it is never enforced; the Police look on and witness its violation daily without a word of rebuke, and the Health Inspectors seem to ignore the existence of their own ordinances, yet they are the first to complain of such streets, and generally attribute their dirty condition to the negligence of the contractor.

It must be admitted, however, that there is considerable difficulty in reaching this class of offenders or in enforcing any penalty for their violations in this respect. They are mostly people of extreme poverty or reckless and dissipated habits, and have little appreciation of cleanliness or decency. Often the act of depositing the filth is performed by their children; or if they do it themselves they watch for a favorable opportunity, though in more instances it is done openly and without reserve, and even pitched out of a second or third story window.

If occasionally we lodge a complaint and an arrest is made, the offending parties have the sympathies of the Court, the offence is considered paltry and trivial, and the offender is discharged with scarcely a reprimand. The most effectual remedy for the evil, in my opinion, would be to hold the owners of such houses responsible instead of their tenants, and to invest the contractor with the necessary authority to enable him to compel such owners either to correct the evil or remove the stuff immediately on notification. This would impel them to adopt a more efficient and stringent code of regulations for observance by their tenants, and to see that they were properly complied with, or in blocks of such houses, or in large single ones, to employ a janitor, whose special duty it should be to attend to the matter daily. That this is practicable is abundantly proved in numerous instances. There are tenements in this City, of all grades, that are kept as scrupulously clean and free from offensiveness as any Fifth-avenue dwelling. If the contractor was clothed with necessary authority to enforce some such regulations as above suggested this evil could be so materially mitigated that the necessity for special cleaning in such streets would be considerably lessened. Another constant cause of dirty streets in some parts of the City, more especially in the avenues and principal thoroughfares, is the large amount of sand, dirt and rubbish deposited and left on the streets by contractors, railway men and others. This imposes on us the removal of an immense amount of stuff which is not anticipated in our contract, and at an outlay of thousands and tens of thousands yearly. Contractors, after laying down pavements, and railroad companies, after repairing in and between their tracks, cover their work with sand; they are required by law to remove it, but generally it is imperfectly done, and frequently not at all. After the laying of sewer and gas pipes, repairing buildings and other work, the workmen often leave rubbish on the street which eventually we have to take away. In carting sand to and from various parts of the City, it is frequently scattered on the street to a depth of several inches; during a portion of the past Summer, we carted from off Broadway alone as much as 100 loads of almost pure sand daily.

In consequence of misunderstanding, the great masses of the people are impressed with the belief that the contractor is little less than a swindler; that the faithful execution of the contract is a secondary consideration to that of making money; that its provisions are never complied with or attempted to be, and that he realizes enormous profits yearly by this negligence and delinquency, and that even intelligent business men believe that the money paid for doing the work, if properly and faithfully expended, is enough to secure perfectly clean streets, and afford liberal profits besides. I need only say to you that these impressions are no less false in every particular than they are unjust and discouraging, for I know that since the assumption of the work by you in May last, your intentions and endeavors have been to do your full duty according to the terms of the contract, and as to the profits accruing from the work, the statement previously referred to will show that they are smaller than would be realized in any other legitimate business of the same magnitude and responsibility.

The Superintendent further suggests that, in order to keep the City perfectly clean, all the streets below Canal should be swept every day, except Sunday; from Canal to Fourteenth-street, with all the important avenues to Fifty-ninth-street, three times a week, and from Fourteenth-street to Fifty-ninth-street once a week, when not prevented by frost, snow, &c.

The report concludes as follows:

For your information, I have calculated as accurately as possible the cost of doing this additional work in the manner suggested, and find that the sweeping alone would cost $250,000, and the extra expense of carting, consequent on this more frequent cleaning, would amount to $50,000 more; making the net cost of doing this additional work (exclusive of profits) about $300,000.

I have made no allusion to or calculation for the removal of snow in the Winter. Whatever expense be incurred on that account would be additional to the sum named. It seems indispensable to the maintenance of a perfectly satisfactory state of cleanliness, and a proper sanitary condition of the City, that $1,000,000 should be appropriated and spent for doing this work. Much less than that amount will only partially secure the desired result.

The Astoria Outrage—Illness of Mrs. Norris—No Arrests Made.

Much excitement yet exists concerning the outrage perpetrated on Mrs. NORRIS, the lady orator, in Astoria, last week, as previously announced in the TIMES. It will be remembered that she was refused accommodation in Wilson's Hotel, and was about to proceed in search of lodgings elsewhere, when a young man, answering to the description of MICHAEL LANG, offered himself as an escort, displaying a glittering shield, and representing that he was a town constable. The lady was glad thus to be under the protection of a legal wing, and accepted. They traveled on until the lady found herself in an open lot, when she was knocked to the ground by LANG, who was immediately joined by a confederate, and together they proceeded to outrage her person. She became unconscious, but on returning to animation offered them her purse to desist, which they took. They then left her, and alone she made her way to the village gas house, where she stayed for the night. The next morning she was advised to institute preliminary measures to have the rascals punished, but she could not find a Justice to take cognizance of her case. She proceeded to Jamaica, where she obtained warrants for the arrest of the party. No officer could here be found of sufficient courage to serve them, and in three days the Justice had them in his possession. They were finally forwarded to District-Attorney DOWNING, who has also had them in his possession for several days, and yet they have not been served. To attempt to enforce them now would be a ceremony in mockery of justice, as both parties have fled. The lady is yet confined to her room in the house of Justice SNEDEKER, suffering great pain, although she has all the necessary medical attention. There is now no likelihood of the offenders being brought to justice, and being politicians, when the excitement ceases they will return and not be harmed.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 5—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 92¼@92¾ for both money and the account. American Securities opened quiet and steady; United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 87¼; 1865, old, 84¾; 1867, 86½; Ten-forties, 84¾. Stocks steady; Erie Railway Shares, 18; Illinois Central, 103¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 25½.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opened firm; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.@11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d.@11¾d.; the sales of the day are estimated at 12,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Corn, 25s. 9d. ₱ quarter for European.

LONDON, Jan. 5—1 P. M.—Consols, 92¼, for both money and the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 87¼ for the issue of 1862; Ten-forties, 84¾. Stocks easier; Illinois Centrals, 103.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5—1 P. M.—BREADSTUFFS—The market is quiet.

PROVISIONS—Pork flat. Lard heavy at 73s. ₱ cwt.

PRODUCE—Tallow, 44s. 6d. ₱ cwt.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The Bourse opened firm. Rentes, 74f. 25c.

ANTWERP, Jan. 5.—Petroleum opened firm at 60¼f. for Standard White.

BREMEN, Jan. 5.—Petroleum closed quiet last evening at 7 thalers.

HAMBURG, Jan. 5.—Petroleum closed quiet last evening at 15 mare bancos.

LONDON, Jan. 5—4:30 P. M.—Consols closed at 92¾ for both money and the account. American Securities closed quiet; United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 87; 1865, old, 86¾; 1867, 85¼; Ten-forties, 84¾. Stocks quiet; Erie Railway shares, 18; Illinois Centrals, 103; Atlantic and Great Western, 25½.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5—4:30 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed steady; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.@11¾d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d.@11¾d. The sales of the day have been 12,000 bales, including 3,000 bales for export and speculation.

BREADSTUFFS—The market closed dull.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Refined Petroleum 1s. 8¼d. ₱ gallon. Linseed Oil, £30 ₱ ton. Tallow, 43s. 6d. ₱ cwt.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The Bourse closed quiet. Rentes, 74f. 15c.

HAVRE, Jan. 5.—COTTON—The market opened irregular for both on the spot and afloat.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 5—Evening.—United States Bonds closed quiet.

ANTWERP, Jan. 5—Evening.—Petroleum firm.

HAVRE, Jan. 5—Evening.—Cotton closed active on spot and afloat; Low Middling, to arrive, is quoted at 126½f.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—FLOUR steady and in fair demand for low, medium and good grades of Spring Extras and Spring Superfine; there was not sufficient business done to establish quotations. WHEAT dull and depressed; the demand for No. 1 Spring was speculative to fill shorts; sales at 82c. for No. 1 Green, and 76c. for No. 2; in the afternoon the market was generally dull at 75c.@76c. for No. 2. CORN closed nominal, with no demand. No. 2, 36c.@36½c.; nothing was done in the afternoon. OATS dull at 40c.@40½c. for No. 2 cash. RYE dull and lower at 69c.@70c. for No. 2. BARLEY dull, but firmer. No. 2, 86c. PORK—Spring was dull, but firm at $16.50@$16.75. BEEF—CATTLE quiet and lower at $4@$4 50 for common to good Cows, and $5 37½@$6 25 for good shipping Steers closing with a downward tendency. LIVE HOGS dull and lower; sales at $6 10 for Common to Fair; $6 40@$6 75 for Good to Choice. PROVISIONS unsettled. Sales of PORK at $17, cash, for future delivery; and $16.25@$16.50 regular; sales at $17 75@$18, seller February. MEATS dull and but few were offering at nominal prices; Shoulders, 9½c.@9¾c.; Rough Sides, 11¾c.@12c.; Hams, 13¾c.@14c. Dry-Salted MEATS in better demand and lower; sales of Shoulders at 10c.; Rough Sides, 12¼c.; Short Rib Middles, 13c.@13¼c. for loose, and 13¾c. for boxed. RECEIPTS—4,800 bbls. Flour, 49,000 bushels Wheat, 11,000 bushels Corn, 3,800 bushels Oats, 4,500 bushels Barley, 2,400 Dressed Hogs, 2,200 Live Hogs. SHIPMENTS—1,800 bbls. Flour, 15,000 bushels Wheat, 9,500 bushels Corn, 6,500 bushels Oats, 1,100 bushels Rye, 5,000 Hogs.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—COTTON sells at 25½c. @26¼c. for Middling. BARK steady; No. 1 Quercitron, $30. FLOUR dull; Superfine, $4 25@$4 50; Extra, $4 75@$5; Spring Wheat Extra Family, $5 25@$6; Pennsylvania do., $5 25@$5 75; Ohio do., $5 25@$6 25. WHEAT dull; Pennsylvania Red, $1 29@$1 30. RYE steady at 91. CORN in fair demand; Old Yellow, 91@$1 02; New, 86c.@93c. OATS steady; State and Western, 55c.@57c. BARLEY—Canada, $1 25. PETROLEUM steady; Crude, 20c.@20½c.; Refined, 30c.@30½c. GROCERIES unchanged; PROVISIONS dull and market favors buyers. Mess PORK, $20. LARD, 12½c. WHISKY unchanged at 99c. in wood; $1 iron-bound.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—COTTON active and firmer; Middling, 24¼c.@24½c.; sales 8,200 bales; receipts, 2,929 bales; exports, to Bremen, 1,838 bales; to Barcelona, 941 bales; to Boston, 2,121 bales. FLOUR firm; Extra, $5 12½@$5 50; Double Extra, $6; Treble Extra, $6 25. CORN, 96c.@$1. OATS—Ohio, 66c.; St. Louis, 70c. BRAN, $1 10. HAY scarce; prime, $23. Mess PORK, $29 75. BACON, 14¼c.@17¾c.@17¾c. LARD, 21c. SUGAR dull; prime, 12¼c. MOLASSES—Prime, 68c.@70c. WHISKY, $1@$1 02. COFFEE firm; fair, 15¾c.@16c.; prime, 17¾c.@18c. GOLD, 110¾. EXCHANGE—Sterling, 129½; New-York Sight, ¼ discount.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—FLOUR unchanged. WHEAT unchanged. CORN declining; Mixed, 75c.@76c. for Yellow; 74c. for prime White. OATS dull and unchanged. RYE unchanged. BARLEY unchanged. PROVISIONS nominal. PORK, $27 75@$28. Dry-salted MEATS—Shoulders, 11c.@11¼c.; Clear Rib Sides, 14¼c.; Clear Sides, 15c. BACON—Shoulders, 14c.@14¼c.; Clear Rib Sides, 16¼c.@16¾c.; Clear Sides, 17c.@17¾c. LARD dull at 16c. for prime Kettle. CATTLE—Choice firm; low grades dull; sales at $3@$5 75. Live HOGS more active at $7 50@$9 25. RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,200 bbls.; Wheat, 3,500 bushels